

Door and Fender Blown From Bearden Car By Twister Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Bearden, who live in Springtown, enroute from Fort Worth home Friday night when the wind hit. Their car was turned completely around in the road, one door and one fender was torn from the body, but was not damaged further. They were not injured, and continued on to Springtown and then on to Weatherford where Mr. Bearden called Tom Rush to tell him of the damage. Tom immediately called his crews, about 2:30 in the morning Saturday, and proceeded to Springtown to restore service and to care for damaged lines. Damage to telephone and power lines in most affected areas was heavy.

Windstorms last week end in Texas an Oklahoma and Arkansas did much damage.

Close to home, Alvord suffered some damage to roofs, a few signs, and garages and autos damaged. No one was reported seriously injured.

A storm at Springtown did damage to some 15 residences,

Play At DBC

The dramatics class of Southwestern Baptist Seminary presents at the College Chapel on Tuesday night one of the most publicized christian dramas of the year. It is a two hour show depicting the life of a Presbyterian minister. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. W. E. Terrell visited her sister, Mrs. J. R. Logan in Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. E. B. Clark, Sr., and boys are driving a new Mercury.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Thompson have moved to Electra.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Finley moved to Bonham Monday.

READ THE ADS!

WISE COUNTY LONG AGO

Interesting Items 25 and 50 Years Ago in Wise County

March 1899

W. S. Catlin of Bowie has been in the city this week seeing what could be done toward establishing a telephone exchange here. We understand that he received a number of subscriptions to the exchange.

Luther Myers and father who have been drilling the new well at the water works, have returned and are putting up a large derrick for their new drill, preparatory to continuing the work. They are also running a corn sheller here and the way it shells corn beats the old hand and corn cob method. It shells three bushels per minute.

John W. Dale spent several days in town the last week. He was accompanied to Austin Monday by his brother, Geo. W. Dale, and Ewing Holley.

The citizens of Decatur are requested to clean their back yards, alleys and lots at once for the benefit of the health of the city, and the City Marshal is ordered to see that this order is carried out by order of the Mayor.

J. W. Ricks, traveling agent and correspondent for the Texas Trade Review, published in Dallas, was in the city this week, making a write-up of Decatur for his paper.

When beef cattle bring over \$90 a head, stock raising and feeding ought to be a profitable business. Texas bred and fed cattle recently exceeded that figure on Chicago markets. Sixteen head of fat cattle fed by M. Sarson averaged 1543 lbs. and sold at \$6.00 per 100 lbs. or

\$92.58 each. They were 8 years old.

March 1924

Short skirts, after a brief banishment, are soon to enjoy a revival. Well, if they represent their former sinfulness during the revival and become modest, moderate and judicious, we reckon there will be many hallelujahs and amens to greet them back.

At a regular meeting of the City Council held Monday night, ordinances were passed to protect and improve Lake Decatur as a fishing and hunting preserve. Strict regulations for people who may desire to fish or hunt on the property are now in full force, and the council has given orders to the officers to see that every provision is carried out. Those desiring camping sites and fishing privileges should see the City Secretary, W. G. Standley, or Mayor J. Earle Douglass.

The Decatur Retail Merchants Association was organized here this week. E. P. Gibson was elected as president, S. A. Lillard Jr. vice-president, Miss Cora Boyd secretary. The executive committee was composed of the following: Walter Stokes, Carl Christian, Hugh Broadlove, J. A. Parr, Joe Rogers, T. H. Wright and J. W. Walker. The organization was started off with a membership of forty. The purpose is to protect the business interests from dishonest practices, uphold and protect the honest customer, stimulate trade and help other organizations in building up Decatur and community.

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DECATUR, TEXAS—Thursday, March 31, 1949

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NEIGHBOR!

We want to remark that we've often noticed, while driving through the country, that cows seem to graze where the grass grows greenest. Some of our friends have been telling us how they keep their pastures greener, and how they increase livestock yields in general. They are doing it, they tell us through conservation farming. They are testing their soil to see what it requires . . . they use fertilizers where needed . . . seeding grasses and legumes and mowing to control weeds . . . All of which add up to more and better feed, more and better milk or meat, and—saving their soil for the future.

MR. FARMER:

IN OUR LANGUAGE, THESE PRACTICES ARE BOTH
HORSE SENSE AND COW SENSE!

MEETING TONIGHT TO PERFECT THE PLANS FOR COUNTY DAIRY DAY

Wise County Dairy Day, to be held Friday, April 22, will be evidence that farmers and merchants of this area cooperate with each other and prosper. Unanimous approval by Decatur merchants to furnish ribbons and merchandise premiums has assured the Dairy Day, says Tom Roof, County Agent. E. F. Hornback, Decatur, will be General Chairman for the show.

Every farmer in Wise County is asked to show one or more cows. Every cow shown will be classified and will receive a ribbon. Valuable merchandise prizes donated by Decatur merchants will be awarded to class winners and breed winners.

Both grade and registered cows will be shown, but they will not show against each other. All cows will be classified and scored against the ideal type, not against each other. In this manner, all cows could be scored Excellent and receive blue ribbons. All bulls shown must be registered. No animal under six months of age will be classified, but may be put on exhibit.

The day's events will include a broadcast by Murray Cox over WFAA at 12:15, pots of grasses will be displayed and explained, and authorities will be on hand to answer questions. Lunch will be served at noon for a reasonable fee by Home Demonstration Clubs of Wise County.

With the Wise County Agent

By Tom Roof

G. C. Sloan, Greenwood, wants to be ready for the grasshoppers when they hatch this year. Since poison bait will not be distributed, he's going to use the approved idea of dusting 8 lbs. of 20% Chlorinated Camphene (Toxaphene) or 10 lbs. of 10% Chlor-dane per acre in the fence rows when the hoppers start hatching.

Wise County Dairy Day—Friday, April 22, at Decatur Baptist College grounds—will be supported by every wide-awake merchant and dairyman. It's for all of us!

Sam Taggart, Route 4, Decatur, terraced his farm in 1926. Says he believes that's how he's controlled gullies. If you need terraces, sod your waterways now so you'll have a place to turn the water loose.

Rhine One Variety Cotton Association, planting 1,000 acres of cotton with 600 acres in Mebane variety, produced 350 bales last season. Under the Smith-Dooley Act, cotton produced in a single variety community may be classified without charge.

Interest in irrigation possibilities is high—Charlie Taylor, A. C. Bennett, W. D. Sandlin and others all are working on the idea. We have several information bulletins on types of irrigation here in the County Agents' office.

Land Clearing Demonstration Day is temporarily set for late May. Use of dozers, cables, root rakes, power saws, burners, 2-4-D, kerosene, and sodium arsenite will be demonstrated and costs given for clearing.

Time is on for us to spray peaches and plums for worms, brown rot, and scab. When $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of petals fall off, spray with 4 lbs. lime, 2 lbs. zinc sulphate, 3 lbs. wettable sulphur, and 1 lb. lead arsenate to 50 gallons of water.

Dear Merchant:

Thursday night, March 31, at 7:45 p. m., you are urgently requested to be present at the Courthouse to assist in planning the 1949 Wise County Dairy Day, to be held on Friday, April 22, on the grounds of Decatur Baptist College.

A Dairy Day is not a money-making proposition. It is an educational affair, with cows being classified for type, discussions of breeding, feeding, and care being given, boys and men being trained to pick good animals by participating in judging, grasses good in this area on display and both merchant and dairymen realizing what our problems are and how we can solve them together!

If the dairyman has a larger net income, the merchant of Decatur benefits from it along with the farmer. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) worth of milk was produced in Wise County last year—it should be doubled!

This Dairy Day is not for 10 merchants nor 20—to do justice to Decatur and to Wise County it needs 100% cooperation.

Let's put Decatur and Wise County on the map! Remember: When: 7:45 p. m., Thursday, March 31;

Casing Being Run To Test Output

Big Bear Oil Company No. 2 Hunt, C. E. McClain survey, one mile northwest outpost to the West Chico Bend conglomerate pool of northwestern Wise County, Monday was running 5½-inch casing for completion attempt after recovering 92 feet of drilling mud on a drillstem test from 5,806 to 5,874 feet. Tool plugged after five minutes.

Wise county output last week averaged 3,012 barrels of crude oil daily, compared to 2,920 barrels daily the preceding 7 day period, a slight increase.

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1 M. S. McBride, W. Burke survey, southwestern Wise wildcat two miles south of Paradise, was squeezing off perforations from 6,985 to 7,035 feet after acidizing the Ellenburger with 1,000 gallons and recovering 5,000 feet of salt water on a test through shot-holes.

Top of the Caddo has been called at 5,212 feet in the L. T. Burns No. 1 Copeland, section 2636, TE&L survey, Clay County wildcat four miles west of the Shannon pool. Drilling continued below 5,618 feet, in sand and lime.

Wildcat failure for Clay is the Akin & Dimock No. 1 Nutter, H. Devers survey, 2½ miles northwest of Blue Grove. It was abandoned at 6,121 feet.

Cities Service Oil Company and Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 SMS Ranch, block 100, BBB&C survey, northwestern Throckmorton County wildcat 12 miles northwest of Throckmorton, continued swabbing to test the Caddo through perforations from 4,924 to 4,950 feet.

After perforating casing and running tubing, operators swabbed a small amount of oil and gas. The section then was acidized with 12,000 gallons after which an estimated 16 barrels of oil was swabbed into the pits in eight hours.

Henry Grace Production Company No. 1 Morris, section 254, TE&L survey, Young County wildcat two miles southwest of the Burns-Ragland pool, was drilling below 4,028 feet, in lime and shells.

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32 Pages 4 Sections

Wise County Messenger

Three County School Trustees to Be Elected; Four Names On the Ballot

New Plans Made for Health Program

Last Tuesday noon, March 22, all local physicians and dentists were invited to attend a luncheon at the high school cafeteria, and all who could arrange to do so were present to work with Mrs. Lollie Gunn, school health coordinator, Superintendent E. L. Gantt, and others in laying plans for the 1949-1950 school health program. This was another step in the direction toward which the promulgators of the Decatur Public Schools health program have been moving: toward a community-wide program whose benefits would be available to every citizen in the community.

After an appetizing luncheon, a discussion and planning period was held in which the school's part in the program and the community opportunities for participation were outlined. In doing so, the group launched plans for the third consecutive year of the health program in the community, since it is now in its second full year of operation. Many evidences of the program's effectiveness are observable. Superintendent Gantt expresses the opinion that even "common" colds have been much less common this year, a fact which has decreased the usual loss in pupil-days to an appreciable extent.

The hearty cooperation manifested by the physicians at this meeting was in keeping with their usual cooperative spirit that has made the local health program an unusual success and one of the finest in the state.

Preston Terrell and daughter, Netta Lou, and Marian Terrell of Temple visited relatives here last week.

Clifford Reed is driving a new Dodge.

Miss Lita Renshaw is visiting her son, Dr. Herman Renshaw and family in Fort Worth.

Three county school trustees are to be elected Saturday in county elections.

V. E. Baldrige of Bridgeport is not asking reelection, and Ernest Jones' name appears on the ballot in the Bridgeport district, Com. Precinct 4.

The name of A. T. Fortenberry appears on the ballot in Com. Precinct 1.

The names of Jewel Mari and A. B. Van Meter appear on all ballots as candidates for the one place as member at large.

City Election Next Tuesday

The city election, discussed and candidates named in this paper last week, will be held Tuesday, Deaturies as well as those who live throughout the county are urged to vote in the two election, Saturday the school election and Tuesday in the city election.

Leonard Cook of Houston visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Cook, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Scott of Wichita Falls visited his mother, Mrs. J. M. Scott, over the weekend.

Lt. and Mrs. Gene Davenport and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hoyl over the weekend.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

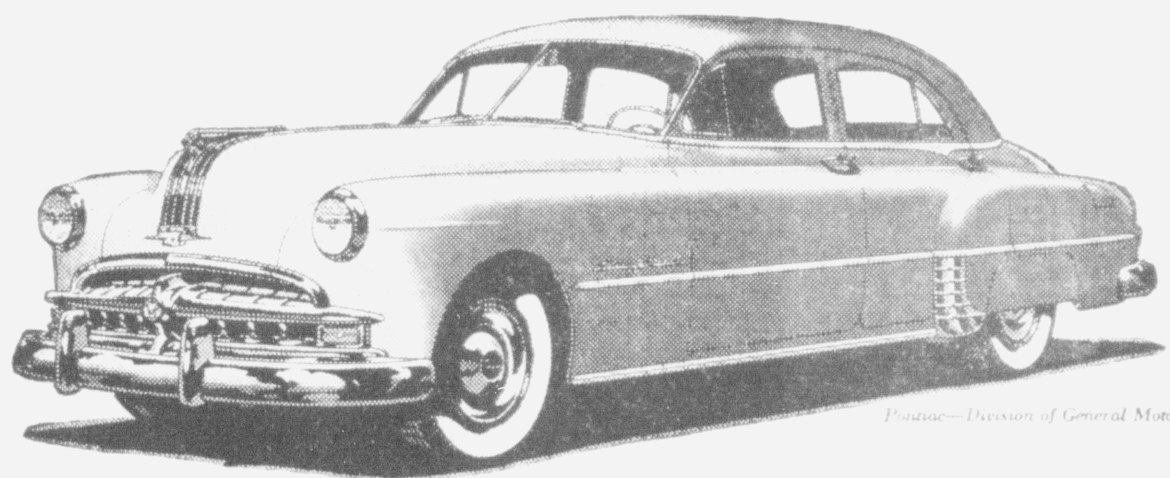
Little Janice Renshaw celebrated her sixth birthday with a party at the home of her parents Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

David White had his friends help celebrate the fact that he was eight years old by having a party at his home Tuesday afternoon.

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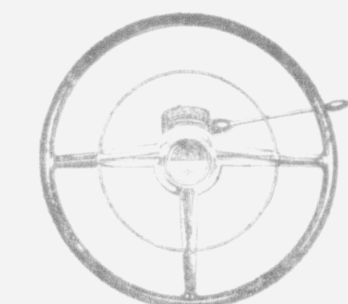


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BELIGION AND LIFE

BY DR. R. E. BELL

FIGHTING AGAINST GOD

When the Jewish leaders put the apostles in prison for preaching the gospel, Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, admonished the persecutors to go slow with their persecutions, lest haply they be found fighting against God. Even this proud Pharisee thought fighting against God was a bad and dangerous business; and it is. But it is still a very common practice.

When we resist efforts of Christian workers to win us from bad habits and evil practices we are fighting against God. God is constantly trying, through experiences that make us think, and through efforts of Christian friends, to save us from a course of conduct that is leading us to ruin; and when we resist the prayers and entreaties of these divine agencies we fight against God.

When Christian people refuse to lay aside the weights and sins that beset them in the Christian race they fight against God. God is trying, through every means at his disposal, to strip his children of every hindrance to successful Christian living, and when they hesitate to part with these pet sins they fight against God. Cross bearing and sacrifices are necessary to victorious living. Christianity was born on a cross, and Jesus exhorted his disciples to take up their crosses and follow him. But too many Christians are unwilling to bear crosses. They want to "be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas." The cross is a symbol of sacrifice, but it is also a symbol of victory; and when we refuse to bear our crosses, we court defeat, and are found fighting against God.

Money is necessary to carry out Christ's program for world redemption, and Christ has a financial program for His people. But some professed Christians are opposed to giving for the spread of the gospel. They deny divine ownership, and count their possessions their own, and resist all appeals for money to carry on the Lord's work. To withhold money that belongs to God is to fight against God.

F. L. Vollentine Is Recovering 700 Acre Farm

"I knew I was starting a tough job when I began reclaiming a 700-acre farm in the West Cross

Timbers section," says F. L. Vollentine, who owns this tract of land 10 miles north of Decatur.

"I also know that if I expected to make this a successful stock farm, I had to stop erosion and improve soil fertility and bring back the grasses. That's why I looked up the Soil Conservation Service boys and got their help in getting my program started."

When Mrs. Vollentine bought this farm about two years ago, there were practically no good grasses to be found. Previous owners had so overgrazed the pastures that the only spots of good bluestem were between deep gullies inaccessible to cattle and in one fenced-off corner. Areas which were once cultivated had become so depleted and eroded that they supported little vegetation besides needle grass and green briars.

The Vollentine farm has been using conservation practices only two years, and even though they have been very dry years, results are starting to show up. Mr. Bob Harvey, who lives on this farm and operates it, says that grasses have shown much improvement in those areas where he cut out the scattered oak trees and brush. These tree tops were placed in the deepest gullies and they are helping to heal these scars of erosion.

In the fall of 1947, native grass seed could not be bought on the market, so Mr. Harvey spent some time gathering the seed of little bluestem and Indian grass as it ripened along the road ditches, lands and odd corners. This was planted that winter in strips over about 75 acres. Only a small portion of the seed came up during the dry spring of 1948, but it will be a start of desirable grasses for some of the overgrazed areas. In the fall of 1948, bluestem seed could be purchased and Mr. Vollentine obtained enough to plant 100 acres more of his pasture land. About 35 acres of thin grassland was also overseeded with bur clover that fall.

Weeping lovegrass is being fitted into the revegetation program on the Vollentine farm along with vetch, and results so far have been very good. Late in March 1948, a fairly good plot of vetch was turned under on some depleted needle-grass land. On April 6, lovegrass was planted in three-foot rows on the vetch plot and extending over on a strip that had not grown vetch. A good stand came up and in 60 days the best of it was a foot high and seemed big enough to graze. Cattle were not turned on it until July, however, when the grass had formed seed heads. A considerable amount of grazing was obtained by beef cattle during late summer and fall as the stock had access to the lovegrass plot near their watering place. An interesting observation was made concerning the growth of the grass with and without the benefits of vetch. On a strip of land where no vetch had been planted the lovegrass grew to about three inches tall and most of it died during the dry summer. Where vetch and phosphate had been used, however, the lovegrass made a remarkable growth, making large healthy clumps and heading out to a height of two to three feet. Mr. Vollentine states that any future plantings of lovegrass would go on land that had first been conditioned with a vetch crop. He also says he believes this grass is particularly valuable for depleted sandy lands because it makes a rapid growth.

and the curses on disobedience are set forth in glorious and terrible words in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. Read it.

Another reason we should not fight against God is that He is our friend. All of God's requirements are in the interest of our welfare. The notion that religion robs people of legitimate joys is of the Devil. When Jesus approached the Gadarene demoniacs they cried out, "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" As a matter of fact, Jesus had come to deliver them from their tormentors. It was the Devil in these men that made them regard Jesus as a joy-killer; and any person who now thinks that religion robs men of wholesome joys is dominated by the Devil in that judgment. Jesus wanted to deliver that Gadarene demoniac from the madness and misery of sin, and send him on a glorious mission to his friends and loved ones. To fight against God is to fight against our best friend, and against our own highest interests. Little children are excusable for crying out against the surgeon who approaches them with a knife to remove an infected gland. They do not know any better. But it is inexcusable for intelligent adults to fight against God's efforts to deliver them from sin. "As righteousness tendeth to life, so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death." God is our friend, and His whole program for our lives is dictated by infinite wisdom and love. Let's not fight against God.

LOOK

READ THE ADS!

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Maley visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perrin at Vernon over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lewis of Sherman visited their son, Henry Lewis and Mrs. Lewis the first of this week.

Mrs. Annie Eloyce Oates and Emma Lee Oates visited friends in Fort Worth over the weekend.

Mrs. C. L. McNair appeared on the Music Study Club program Thursday, March 31, with three other artists composed of Mrs. Fred Parker, Mrs. Q'Zella Oliver Jeffus, and Mrs. Catherine Rouser. This team uses two pianos with two artists at each piano.

Captain Clarence Ford, who has been attending officers' training school at Carlisle Base, Penna. for the past three months, is spending a few days at home enroute to his assignment in Alaska.

Miss Zelya Brown, student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and Bob McIntire of Middletown, Ohio, are spending this week here with Miss Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Ray Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Easter of Wichita Falls visited his parents, Captain and Mrs. J. M. Easter, here last week.

Miss Lucile Watson of Bonham visited Mrs. Beatrice Burton Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Edwards of Olney visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tally Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simmons visited relatives in Dallas over the weekend.

Mrs. T. J. McMurray has returned home from a visit with her son, Clyde McMurray and Mrs. McMurray in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hickey and family of Waxahachie visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shults over the weekend.

Mrs. Walter Spencer is in Dallas this week at the Carrol Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Valcik, Dick Sellers, Mmes. C. L. McNair, John Gunn, and R. H. Watkins, attended the opera, "The Bartered Bride," in Fort Worth Monday night.

IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Tom McMurray left by plane Monday to be at the bedside of her mother, who is seriously ill after having suffered a fractured hip and shoulder and compound leg fractures in an accident in Los Angeles last Saturday.

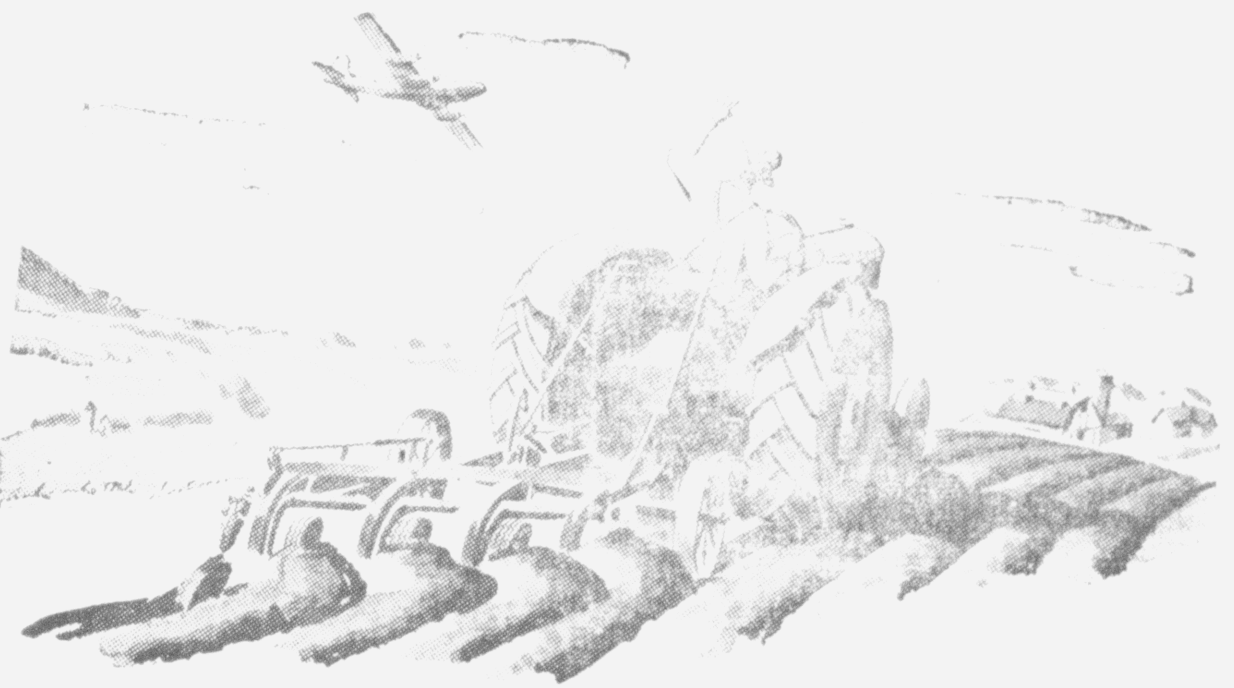
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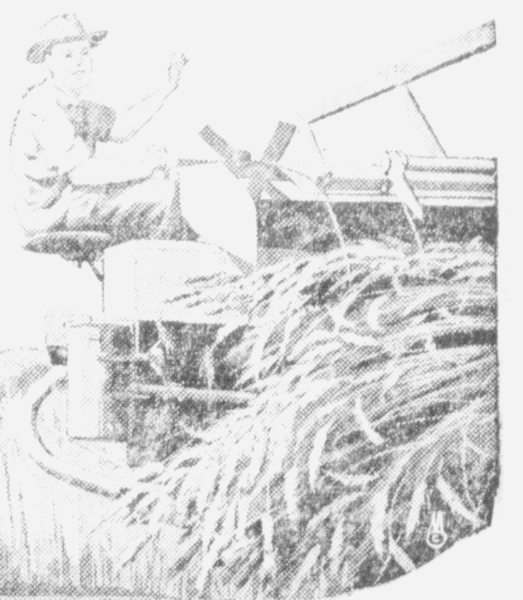
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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown during the recent death of our beloved husband, father, son and brother, and for the many beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one.

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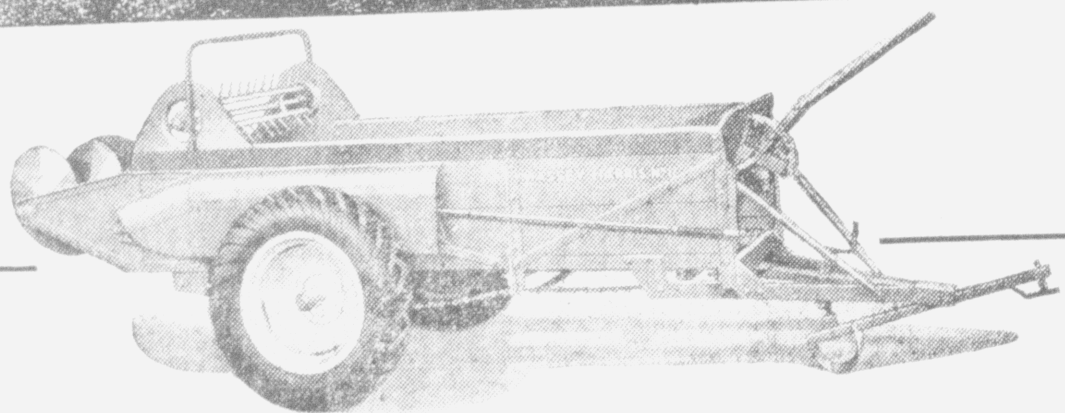
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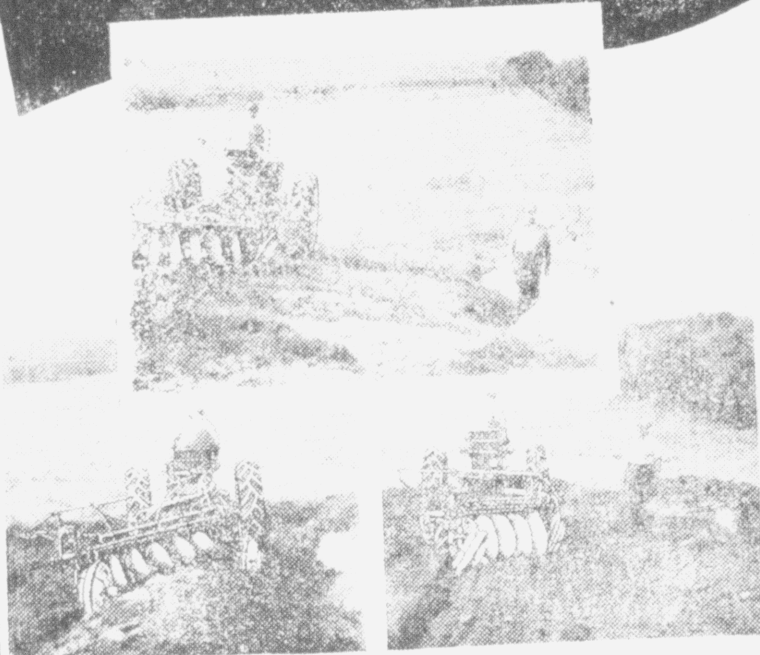
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"The heavier driving schedule ahead is due partly to improved weather, together with the lure of pleasure driving and early vacation trips," Mr. Holmes explained. "But many of these cars increasing their daily mileage totals have been dangerously weakened by winter-wear."

He continued: "Until each of the working parts of a car has been restored to pre-winter efficiency, the car cannot operate properly. Among the key parts of a car that suffer most during the winter weather is the entire exhaust system, from the exhaust manifold, through the exhaust pipe and muffler to the rear outlet of the tail pipe. Since these parts are hidden beneath the car, few motorists would suspect them unless their car was given a thorough inspection.

"During the winter months, flying stones, ice and road chemicals

batter the outside of the muffler, denting and corroding it. Vibrations from driving over road obstructions further weaken the muffler by shaking the vital connections loose.

"Freezing temperatures and splashes of cold water against the shell prevent the muffler from heating up properly. Slow driving, frequent starting and stopping and short trips also join in to keep the muffler too cool to evaporate the harmful by-products of combustion. Water and acids are left inside the muffler to eat away the internal supports and tubes, while carbon gathers to clog the muffler's inner passages.

"As Mr. G. H. Hedrick, Chief Muffler Engineer, Marmont Automotive Products, Inc., put it, 'Once a muffler becomes clogged with carbon and rust, a car cannot perform properly. Exhaust gases are dammed up inside the muffler, increasing back pressure and interfering with motor performance. The engine overheats and exhaust valves burn out. The car becomes slow in starting and hard to raise to higher speeds. Power is drained from the motor and fuel is wasted. It is not unusual to use six gallons of gas to do the work of five.'

"With such harmful effects as Mr. Hedrick has mentioned, plus the dangers of a faulty motor and exhaust system, there's little wonder why every car needs a spring inspection. No car owner can afford to pay the price of neglect—excessive fuel bills, loss of motor power, higher maintenance costs, muffler blowouts and possible fires or accidents."

Lawrence Boyd of Olney visited friends here last week.

Dr. Tom Patterson and Anita Patterson of Dallas, Mrs. Bert Moore and son Pat of Denton, Fred Patterson, Bob Pratt and Miss Johnnie Marie Waggoner from Texas U., and Mrs. J. L. Waggoner of Wichita Falls spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson. Mrs. Patterson accompanied Mrs. Waggoner to Wichita Falls for a visit.

Mrs. C. L. McNair has been attending the 25th biennial convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs in Dallas this week. Mrs. J. Royden Keith of Chicago, Ill., national president, is presiding. 4,000 members of national federated music clubs are registered. The State president is Mrs. Blant Burford of Dallas and Mrs. A. E. Cain of Breckenridge is president of the first district. Mrs. McNair has been helping with registration.

T. E. Ball of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Seal and daughter Ruth of Los Angeles, Calif., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ball over the weekend. Mrs. Seal was formerly Marie Bunnell.

Sixty Attend Silver Tea

The annual Silver Tea held by the Methodist W. S. C. S. was given last Tuesday afternoon, March 22, in the home of Mrs. H. N. Ferguson with Mrs. O. J. Van Meter and Mrs. Chas. A. Cates as co-hostesses.

The new addition to the lovely home of the Fergusons was the scene of the seated affair.

Mrs. W. B. Slack, guest artist, from Wichita Falls, reviewed the book, "Table in the Wilderness" by Norton S. Parker and also favored the audience with a vocal solo. She was introduced by Mrs. W. W. Brown, president of the W. S. C. S., who also presented the guest with two linen handkerchiefs as gifts from the society.

Mrs. J. M. Scott presided at the tea service.

Womans Club Met With Mrs. Brummell

The Woman's Club met March 22 in the home of Mrs. E. E. Brummell.

Mrs. H. V. Vick introduced the guest speaker for the afternoon, Miss Harris from N.T.S.C., Denton. Miss Harris gave a very interesting talk about children.

Lovely refreshments of cake and coffee were served. The favors were beautiful spring flower corsages.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. E. E. Brummell, Mrs. Chas. Tom Gettys, Mrs. Clint Wiley, Miss Margaret Ann Gettys.

The next meeting will be April 12, an open meeting at the Owl Club. There will be a guest speaker from Dallas.

The Golden Circle Class of Fairview met in the home of Mrs. Joe Thurmond Thursday night. There were 11 members and eight guests from Rhom and one from Frisco, present.

Talks by Mmes. Shaw, Finlayson and Van Meter, were enjoyed.

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A HAPPY TRADITION

In the early days it was a common sight to see neighbors band together to help each other. Barns were built, crops were harvested, land cleared and numerous other heavy tasks were accomplished in a few hours instead of weeks or months. It was done in an atmosphere of spontaneous fun. The neighbors simply dropped in for a raising bee, a husking bee, or whatever the occasion required, with their wagons loaded with food.

These work parties were a necessity in pioneer America. But it is cheering to note that this tradition is still with us in this machine age. A recent news item tells of a service station operator in a small Minnesota community who had an unusual run of bad luck. His competitors decided to help him out. They closed their stations one Sunday and took over the job of manning his cash register and pumps to handle the sudden rush of business. It was necessary for the local constable to direct traffic. Many people refused change, and the supplier, which was one of the leading oil companies, furnished gas at cost. When the day was over the station operator was considerably better off financially and he had gained a new appreciation of his friends.

SALES IN DECATUR CONTINUE HIGH WHILE SOME SECTIONS SHOW DROP

While there has been little let-up in the sales of durable goods by Decatur merchants in recent weeks, contrary to the pace set by most of the rest of Texas, greater gains were registered for the month of February.

Texas retail sales of durable goods stores recovered from the usual post-Christmas slump in February, 1949, to climb 10 per cent above January, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports in a release to The Messenger.

Automotive stores, with a 17 per cent gain, showed the widest increase over January, 1949, among durable goods stores in Texas; motor vehicle dealers handling 20 per cent more business in this category. Jewelry sales rose 16 per cent above the January level, while the building material, lumber and hardware line advanced three per cent, with such components as lumber and material dealers up three per cent, and farm implements, a fraction of one per cent. Hard-

ARMY DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the soldiers of our Army are engaged in the task of building a firm, lasting security for all people who have suffered the tragedy of aggression and stand today as a powerful bulwark against aggressor nations around the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, S. L. Harkwick, Mayor of the City of Decatur, do hereby proclaim April 6, 1949, to be Army Day and I call upon all citizens of the City of Decatur to be mindful of the fact that our Army can accomplish its mission, both at home and abroad, only with the constant awareness and generous support of our people.

Army Day is also dedicated to those heroic soldiers who gave their lives to establish a peaceful America that must remain strong if it is to preserve its heritage.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Decatur to be affixed this 14th day of March, 1949.

S. L. HARDWICK,

Mayor.

If instances like this could occur more often half the seemingly insoluble problems of the country would disappear.

ware stores, slipped less than half of one per cent in February from January.

Furniture and non-household sales lagged six per cent in February, with furniture stores down nine per cent from the previous month.

Although February retail sales of both durable and non-durable goods fell a fractional one per cent, total non-durable goods stores dropped six per cent from January, the only increases being recorded in shoe stores, up five per cent, and women's specialty shops, up eight per cent.

Durable goods stores sales, up seven per cent, accounted for February, 1949, retail sales bettering February, 1948, by one per cent. A 24 per cent gain over last February placed automotive sales out in front among durable goods items, which in the other main lines provided declines of 11 per cent in building material, 11 per cent in lumber and hardware, seven per cent in furniture and household, and 10 per cent for jewelry.

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Two Producers Are Added Chico Field One Failure Added

Completion of a pair of good producers in the Chico areas, one failure and increased drilling featured Wise County development this week.

Kingwood Oil Company No. 4 C. H. Holman, in C. W. Ebery survey A-268 about 4 1/2 miles west of Chico, perforated conglomerate at 5351-57 and 5363-96 feet. On official test through 3/4 choke flow was 563 barrels of 41-gravity oil.

In the same area, Cities Service Oil Company brought in No. 9 Sealy in GH&H survey, with an initial test of 610 barrels of oil in 24 hours flowing through 1/2-inch choke. Conglomerate zones at 5300-18 and 5300-56 feet underwent perforations and treatment with 1,000 gallons of acid.

Zones to be Tested

Two miles south of Paradise, Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1 McBride, in J. Burke survey A-39, a wildcat, drilled to 7276 feet in Ellenburger. Survey was run and casing set preparatory to testing various formations encountered during drilling operations.

The week's disappointment in oil circles was the failure of the Lone Star Gas Company's No. 1 Sprague and others in J. B. Patterson survey. The test, an off-set to the R. B. Thrift Trustee No. 1 Blocker producer, ran drill stem to conglomerate at 5662-5744 feet. Tool was open one hour with a recovery of 30 feet of drilling mud, with no oil or gas shows.

Perforations Planned

Cities Service No. C-1 Berry, in the northwest corner of the Thompson survey A-1149 northeast of Chico, ran survey to 5535 feet and will perforate upper saturated zones.

Kingwood Oil Company No. 5 Holman, in the Ebery survey A-268, an off-set to No. 4 Holman, is drilling below 2200 feet.

Big Bear Oil No. 2 J. T. Hunt, a wildcat in the C. E. McClam survey A-1086, 1 1/2 miles west of Chico production is drilling at 5800 feet.

Letter From Former Resident

Berry, Texas
March 21, 1949
Wise County Messenger

My brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robinson of Wichita Falls, Texas, visited me yesterday. They brought me the Wise County Messenger. I did not look at it until after they left. When I picked it up, first thing I saw was the picture that said, "Who is this?" I said, "That is John M. Branch."

I don't know why you asked help to identify him, but thought I would write and tell you who it is.

This is the first Wise County Messenger I have seen in a long time and I enjoyed it very much.

I was formerly May Robison. I haven't been to Decatur in about 14 years. Live where I have been living since I married 32 years ago. We had 2 children but lost our oldest daughter Alta Mae 3 years ago. Our other daughter, Emma Catherine, is 18 years of age, been married 4 months. My father and mother are Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Robison.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Ernest Turner
Box 103
Berry, Texas.

Enlists In Army

Tim D. Murray, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin M. Murray, Chico, Texas, has enlisted in the Regular Army for a period of three years it was announced today by S-Sgt. E. L. Pitts, Army Recruiter for Wise County.

Murray was enlisted in Dallas and received an initial assignment to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He is now assigned to the 5th Armored Division for basic training.

J. Z. Spain is in a local hospital with pneumonia. It is reported that Ed Young of Ponder is hospitalized.



West Texas Paid More Last Year For Tax Than Entire Expense of the U. S. In 1910 Wise County Share of Budget, \$6,103,680; County Share of U. S. Debt, \$36,430,668.

West Texas paid more for its share in the operation of the federal government in 1948 than the entire operating expenses for the United States was in 1910.

This startling figure has just been given by the Public Expenditure & Taxation Commission of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, following a compilation prepared by the Research Department.

This important committee is headed by J. D. Hanlin, chairman and M. C. Ulmer, vice chairman.

They have addressed the fol-

lowing letter to WTCO President John D. Mitchell:

"As the Taxation and Public Expenditure Commission of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, we recognize the present and future importance of our federal fiscal policies to our people.

"For this reason, as an informational service, we have directed a study of our present federal budget and current federal debt as it affects and relates to our territory. This study, as attached, shows each of our West Texas counties' share of the bud-

get and debt, and the thought occurred to us that this information might be of interest to all our affiliates.

"Your commissioners, also, have arranged to obtain a copy of the complete Hoover Commission Reorganization Report, which is being released in a series of 15 different reports, and we will attempt from time to time to submit an analysis of this important report for use in the contracts before the congress of the United States."

The report released by Judge See STORY page 13, col. 6.

485 Acres of Blue-Stem Grass Seeded Along Trinity

Farmers and ranchers, cooperating with the Upper West Fork Soil Conservation District, have seeded 485 acres of Bluestem Mixture grass above proposed structure sites in the sub-watersheds of the Trinity River in the Bridgeport Work Unit area.

In addition to the above, approximately 13,000 pounds of the bluestem seed have been purchased by cooperators and is also being planted in this work unit area.

This native grass, properly grazed and protected, not only controls wind and water erosion but also offers an excellent pasture and meadow.

Cooperators who have seeded above proposed structure sites in the North Fork of Rush Creek Sub-watershed, are: D. A. Shaw, J. Q. Stanfield, John Dethloff, J. R. Brockman, Boaz Estate, J. B. Grisham, C. A. Mason, Guy Jones, Ernest Jones, Mrs. W. B. Jane, Oona Beeson and Emmitt Beeson.

In the Martin's Branch Sub-watershed, seeding has been done on Judge Jennings Brown, George Cummins and Don Carter. Other cooperators in this sub-watershed have received approximately 1460 pounds of seed to be planted above proposed structure sites.

The seeds are being planted with fertilizer distributors, covering lightly with a section harrow, and the District grass drills. The seeding rate is approximately eight pounds per acre.

Boonsville VA Class Plans Building

Plans are rapidly moving toward the completion of a 25x56 foot structure to be used as a shop and recreation center for the Boonsville Veterans Agricultural class. The building is to be a frame structure with metal siding and ample facilities to meet all requirements of the Veterans' Administration for On-The-Farm Training.

The completion of this building will mean that the construction of a structure to meet the needs of the veterans' class will be set up to meet the needs of the class, but last winter when it appeared that the class might lose its meeting place, the class officers immediately arranged to keep the Boonsville school house, even if it meant purchasing the building.

Last month, when it again became doubtful if the present facilities would meet the requirements, steps were taken immediately to investigate the possibility of a class owned shop that would be more conveniently located and better suited for training in farm shop work. Various types of building were rejected by the class until the present structure was purchased and plans made to get it moved on location as soon as possible. The building to be located in Boonsville, will be a definite showing of class spirit and cooperative effort.

Class officers are: E. A. Womack, president; John C. Newson, vice-president; and W. H. Counts, secretary-treasurer. Ed Hayran is the instructor.

FEA REPORT

Members of the FFA Chapter A-1000, Agricultural Education, and the FFA Chapter A-1000, Agricultural Education, from Texas A & M College here to teach these subjects: they were Range and Pasture Conditions, Judging Dairy Cattle, and Grain Storage. These teachers' names were Jack Mathis from Slidell, La. Kendall from Rockwall, and Ed Williamson from Hamilton.

With a field trip planned on the day these teachers arrived so we went ahead and dehorned seven cows for Mr. John White and 11 head for Mr. Glen Oates. These cows had protective medicine put on the cuts. The practice teachers went with us and helped on the job. Such jobs as these are helping the Chapter very much in their attempt to save enough money for their trip to Old Mexico and Carlsbad Caverns next summer.



FIRST LIEUTENANT
ROBERT WADE HAMPTON

DIED:—In Prison Camp in Burma July 31, 1943. The remains arrived in Decatur Wednesday Morning, March 23. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon March 27, at 2:30 o'clock, at the First Methodist Church in Decatur, conducted by pastor, Rev. Wm. D. Craig and Dr. J. L. Ward. Military interment in Oak Lawn Decatur Cemetery by members of the 131st. Field Artillery, American Legion, V.F.W. and Decatur National Guard.

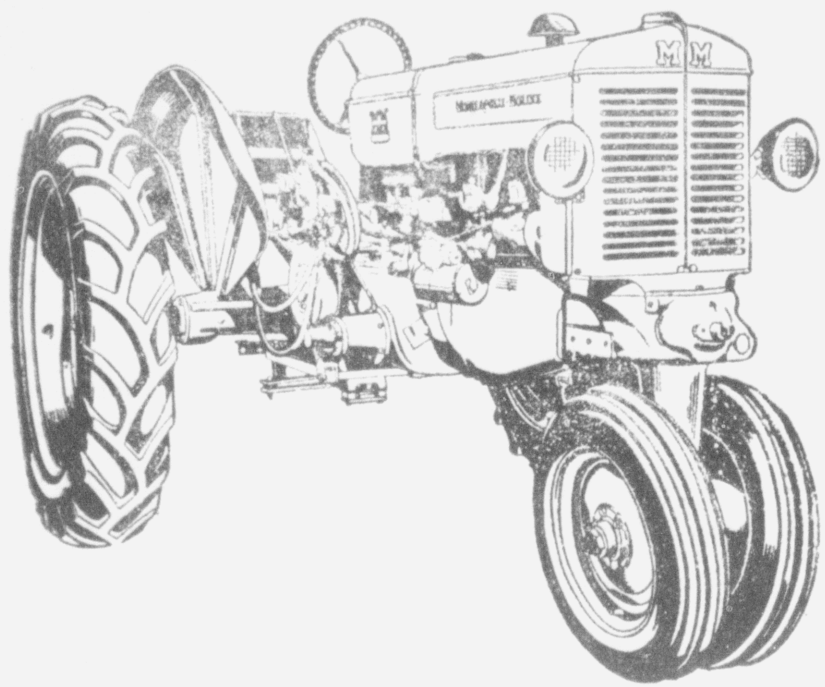
Obituary of Lt. Robert Wade Hampton, son of P. M. and Lilly Hampton

Lt. Robert Wade Hampton was born December 27, 1908 on the farm of his parents 10 miles east of Decatur. He lived in Wise county all his life until entering service of his country. He was educated in Decatur, finishing Decatur High School and Decatur Baptist College. He was converted and united with the Oliver Creek Church at the age of 13, and lived an honorable Christian life. He was married to Miss Grace Hall of the Sycamore community November 26, 1930. three children were born to this union.

Wade, as he was known to relatives and friends, served in the Decatur National Guard about 9 years; was mustered into the regular army in 1940 and was sent overseas with the 2nd. Battalion, 131st. Field Artillery, in November 1941. He was captured by the Japs in Java a few months after sailing, was sent to prison camp in Burma with the Lost Battalion, where he died July 31, 1943 at the age of 34 years. His mother passed on in 1930.

He is survived by his three children. Pfc. Donald R. Hampton, stationed in Japan. Nita Kay and Wade Hampton with their mother near Roanoke, Texas, his father, P. M. Hampton, and a sister, Mrs. Eunice Dollar of Fort Worth.





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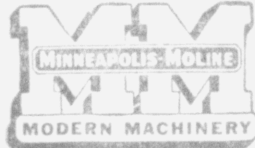
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Remember How We Talked?

It went like this at the Hooper's the other night. Hap's eighteen-year-old daughter is talking about "a real gone guy—solid—out of this world, but def."

"Now what kind of language is that?" Hap barks. "Can't she speak English?"

"I'll translate it for you," Ma Hooper says, "in the language of the twenties, when you were about twenty years old. She simply means this fellow is the 'cat's whiskers.' Remember how we used to talk sometimes?" Hap went back to reading his newspaper.

From where I sit, it's easy to criticize the other person when we don't take a good long look at ourselves. Sure, there'll always be some differences. I'm fond of a temperate glass of beer and maybe you would prefer ginger ale—but let's just live and let live. Because when we go out of our way to find things to find fault with in others, chances are they can find a few in us, too.

Joe Marsh

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Services Held For Pioneer of County, Mrs. D. Y. Stem

Mrs. D. Y. Stem, nee Miss Ed-die Wyatt Crowder, pioneer Wise County school teacher and widow of a pioneer county physician, was born near Whiteville, Tenn., March 27, 1865, and the family moved from Tennessee to Roff, Okla., which at that time was the Indian Territory, when Miss Ed-die was a teenage girl. She acquired a good education and became a school teacher, and taught many years at Whitewright, Sherman, Plainview and the last several years at Slidell, where she met and later married Dr. D. Y. Stem, who was for many years a prominent Wise County physician. They were married at the home of her parents in Wynne-wood, Okla., in May 1900, and came back to their home in Slidell, where they lived until 1908 and then moved to Dalhart, Texas, where the daughter lived. They came back to Slidell in the early twenties, and Dr. Stem

passed on in April, 1927.

Mrs. Stem was affectionately known to her many students, friends and family as Miss Eddie and was loved by all the pupils she ever taught as well as all who knew her. She had been a faithful and active member of the Methodist Church almost all her life.

After her husband passed on she made her home with the daughter in New Mexico and Abilene, Texas, and came to Decatur four years ago. She passed away while in a Dallas hospital home, Sunday morning, March 6, at 10 o'clock. She is survived by one step-daughter, Mrs. George S. Tol of Hope, New Mexico, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. One of her favorite nephews, A. B. Crowder of Sweetwater, Texas, attended services.

Funeral services were held at Christian's Chapel Tuesday, March 8, at 2:00 p. m., conducted by Rev. W. D. Craig, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Decatur. Interment was in Green-wood, Texas, cemetery, with W.

E. Fortenberry, A. T. Fortenberry, J. G. McCarroll, J. M. Balthrop, Chas. D. Christian and Robert Baxter, acting pallbearers.

Essays Give 4-H Club Benefits

National 4-H Club Week has just ended. During this week one of the things 4-H Club girls in Wise County did was write essays on benefits of 4-H Club work.

Enclosed are the essays which were judged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. I will appreciate it very much if you can use the three essays in your paper.

Honorable mention goes to Myrna Ruth Sprague, Route 2, Chico; Olga Faye Masch, Slidell, and Patsy Tinney, Boyd, for their essays.

FERN HODGE,
Wise County
Home Demonstration Agent
3rd Place

BENEFITS OF 4-H CLUB
WORK

By Mattie Bell Luther
Route 1, Chico, Texas

The 4-H Club has many possibilities. It teaches young boys and girls how to do many things such as cooking, sewing, furniture arrangement and caring for livestock. It also teaches one not to be selfish and to be friendly to everyone even though he may be of a different race or religion.

It gives you a chance to show your talents, whatever they may be. It encourages young people to do their best by giving away prizes to girls who made the best dress or to the boy who raised the best pig.

It teaches you how to make the most of what you have. You can make useful and beautiful gifts for very little expense. It teaches you how to care for your body;

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Eight Reasons For Success Of Soil Districts

Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the district, they can agree on the Soil Conservation Service's stated purpose of action and lists eight reasons for the success of soil conservation districts. They are:

1. They are typically American. They are definite, organized, in that they provide a means for action that are able to plan, guide, and direct action toward common goals, obtain information, present objectives as determined by the local, governmental, and other majority.
2. They are independent. They are not controlled by outside influences, either state or federal.
3. They exist for action. Their centering point and clearing house being directed toward positive accomplishment.
4. Their work is founded on widespread local understanding. When farmers learn the facts about the land and agriculture in their district, they can agree on the Soil Conservation Service's stated purpose of action and lists eight reasons for the success of soil conservation districts. They are:
5. They are definite, organized, in that they provide a means for action that are able to plan, guide, and direct action toward common goals, obtain information, present objectives as determined by the local, governmental, and other majority.
6. They are independent. They are not controlled by outside influences, either state or federal.
7. They provide a practical medium through which the management, influence, and assistance of local business and professional interests can be brought to bear in an effective, constructive way for the benefit of agriculture in the district.
8. They are in position to provide helpful local guidance responsive to the needs and desires of the local people, to such projects.

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Sodding of Terrace Outlet Waterways Is In Full Swing In Wise County Now

The harvesting of Bermuda sprigs for sodding terrace outlet waterways in the Denton-Wise Soil Conservation District is in full swing.

To date some twenty waterways have been sodded on district cooperators' farms. With an average rainfall and maximum growth vegetative cover will probably be sufficient to begin terrace construction this winter on waterways sodded now.

Cooperators with the assistance of Soil Conservation Service technicians from the Decatur Work Unit, have selected the needed waterway sites, determined the size and acreage and marked them out previously before sodding operations began.

Various methods are used to sod the waterways. The best, however, is to drop sprigs in lister furrows and resist to cover the sprigs.

The season for sodding waterways is very short and all who plan to sod this spring should contact the Decatur Work Unit Headquarters at once, so technical assistance can be secured.

Raymond Pinkerton in the Shiloh Conservation Group has sodded two waterways with Bermuda grass. These waterways will carry runoff water from most of the cultivated acreage on this farm. Mr. Pinkerton believes in terraces with well-vegetated waterways for erosion control, and he thinks that vetch with phosphate is the most practical way to improve soil productivity.

O. T. Finlayson of the East Rhine Conservation Group was one of the first to complete sodding his waterways this spring. Bermuda sprigs or clean roots were planted in three wide water-

ways which are to take care of a large amount of terrace water from cultivated land. The grass roots were dropped in lister furrows.

Newton Maxwell of the Hart's Creek Conservation Group is planting approximately 30 acres of bluestem grasses. Most of this is being seeded on planned pasture land; only 15 acres are to be made a permanent hay meadow. This acreage has been retired from cultivation within the last few years and was growing almost no desirable grasses. Bluestem grass will control erosion on these areas and at the same time furnish grazing or hay. Mr. Maxwell is using a drill type fertilizer distributor for planting the seed, and finds that it works very satisfactorily.

Melvin Little of the Smoky Ridge Conservation Group is doing his part to bring back soil fertility on the large acreage which he cultivates. He has planted 162 acres of sweet clover, using the Hubam variety. He prefers Hubam because it matures in less than six months and can be followed by small grain. His yields of spring cuts have been good where the land grew clover the previous summer.

V. L. Stout of the Blinn's Lane Conservation Group has Madrid clover coming up on practically all of his farm. There is one small field of Hubam planted in barley; however, he prefers Madrid because it gives two seasons of grazing, or any combination of hay, grazing and a winter seed crop. He made an interesting observation on the way clover was helping a strip of wet land along a natural drain. Where clover had grown two years, the soil was open and mellow, and could be plowed much sooner than the opposite side of the drain where no clover had ever been planted.

798,746,000 Tons Of Top Soil Will Wash Away Within the Next Twelve Months

Austin.—During the next 12 months 798,746,000 tons of top soil will wash and blow off Texas.

It would cost a billion, 250 million dollars to ship this amount of soil from Temple to Galveston in 10,000 hundred-car Santa Fe freight trains.

Lykes Brothers Steamship Lines would charge 95 million dollars to move the soil from Galveston to Havana in 8,967 ships.

These figures were given today by Representative J. A. Lendermann of Breckinridge, sponsor of legislation in the House that appropriates 10 million dollars as a capital fund for soil conservation work in Texas.

The money will be allocated by a five-man state soil conservation board of 175 soil conservation districts, there to be administered by district supervisors.

Supporting the appropriation measure is the Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Managers.

R. M. Boswell of Kenedy, representing the association in Austin, says that every penny of the 10 million dollars will go into actual work on the land, inasmuch as the state has already provided for payment of administrative costs.

Boswell emphasized that the money will be used as a revolving fund, to be kept intact as farmers pay for work done on their property.

"In other words," Boswell said, "the fund is of a permanent nature; it will not be necessary to ask the Legislature for additional appropriations at every session."

The fund, Boswell asserted, is intended to round out the present soil conservation program by making equipment and supplies available at a reasonable cost to operators of small farms.

Farmers who have limited resources frequently cannot themselves buy the equipment and supplies needed to do the soil conservation work on their land, nor is it economical for private contractors to bring in heavy machinery for a small operation, Boswell said.

By grouping small farms, however, and working out mutual problems on a watershed basis in each soil conservation district, it is possible to carry out the program efficiently, the association's representative added.

He urged the necessity for speed in getting the work under way, pointing out that:

"This proposed legislation will expedite the soil conservation program in Texas to the extent that \$10,000,000 made available to the districts now will be more effective than ten times the

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Some preachers lie and steal. If I followed them, I'd be out of God's will.

So men, just follow the Lord. You'll find there's a great reward. If I were a preacher, I'd be careful not to judge men.

The Bible says there's chastisement for all who sin. Some preachers are sick-tongued to deceive.

The Bible warns us, then not to receive. I'd rather have God's blessings untold.

Than to have preachers' praises so bold. In the pulpit, preachers brag about their rights.

How they're not afraid of man or his hate. Towards they are, when they step down.

For they carry their little benches around. Men, look up! God's on His throne.

He gives us life for standing for His own. My Lord was crucified on Calvary's Cross.

If I followed Him, my life would be lost. So men, carry on, with a Hallelujah cry.

For God is our Father; the Bible does not lie. Peace in the end for all who stand by.

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—Author Unknown.

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Under the CAPITOL DOME

By Connie Pitts

Senator Bob Proffer handled the passage of House Bill No. 179, by Rogers and Johnson, in the Senate Thursday, March 24, which gives state college employees and officials a pay boost for the rest of this fiscal year beginning in April.

The salary increases will be specifically for the officials and employees of the higher educational institutions in Texas. This 15% pay raise, on the first \$3000, will be appropriated from the General Fund, and such special funds as set out in H. B. 246, Acts of the 56th Legislature. Increases will be effective September 1, 1947, will be subtracted from the 15%. The colleges get lump sum appropriations with which to operate their institutions and salaries are paid out of these appropriations.

Senator Proffer explained that this raise was necessary because there has been no adequate salary raise for these people for the past several years, and many of the best teachers and administrators of our colleges are leaving the State to go to private institutions and private industry, while the ever-increasing cost of living makes it impossible for the State employees to meet such increases.

Ownership rights to \$1,000,000 worth of machinery and equipment now being used by vocational schools throughout the state will be transferred from the state Board of Vocational Education to the boards of vocational education in each county.

Within the last week Senator Proffer has requested a hearing on the House Resolution, which is the companion to his measure, and which would remove the \$35,000,000 yearly ceiling on state spending for old age pensions and aid to dependent children and the blind. So far a hearing has not been set, but Proffer is hopeful that his request will be granted in the near future.



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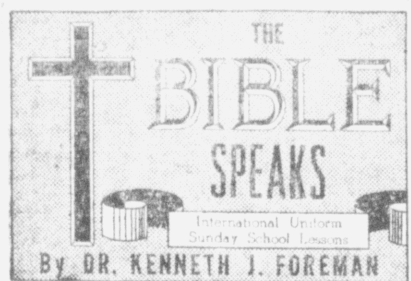
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By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
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DEVOTIONAL READING: Philippians 2:3-11.

Trail of The Cross

Lesson for April 3, 1949

THE TURNING-POINT in Jesus' career was dramatic. But the few friends who were present did not then realize what it meant. On a vacation journey, Jesus put to his most intimate friends this question: "Who do men say that I am?" Peter's answer, "Thou art the Christ," may seem obvious to us, but was not obvious then.



Dr. Foreman

It was so much so that Jesus did not want the publicity that would come to him if that name "Christ" were freely circulated. For the word "Christ" meant nothing less than "King." To the Romans it would sound like treason; but to the Jews it would sound like Judgment Day.

When Peter said, "You are the Christ," he was implying also: "You are immortal. You are the coming conqueror of the world. You are not in the same class with any other man. You will do for mankind what no other hero has ever done."

God's View and the Devil's

ON ALL THAT glowing devotion Jesus' next announcement fell like icy rain. In the ears of those friends of his it sounded like the bell of death. Never before had Jesus told them anything like this, and they must have found it hard to believe. For he had not a word about a throne, nothing about success, nothing about mastering the world. Quite the contrary. He must "suffer many things... be rejected... be killed." If they heard the words "rise again" too, the words made no impression.

For Jesus had announced what to them seemed impossible, absurd! He, the Christ, would be killed! Small wonder that Peter broke out—No, No! But Jesus would not compromise. He even called Peter "Satan" for thinking as he did.

The Christian church agrees with Jesus, not with Peter. We realize today, as Peter himself did afterwards, what the Cross of Christ means.

Buddha, founder of a very different religion, died in old age of over-eating. Can you imagine Jesus doing that? Suppose Jesus had taken Peter's advice and made arrangements to retire comfortably where he would never see a cross? Then we never should have heard of him. He would not have been worth hearing from.

One Cross is Not Enough

YES, WE KNOW now that the Cross of Christ is important. But we are a good deal like Peter, after all. For we do not listen to what we do not like to hear. And the next words of Jesus, on that historic occasion, must have sounded then as they do now, most chilling of all. "Whosoever would come after me, let him take his own cross and follow me." In Jesus' time no one was ever seen carrying a cross who was not already under sentence of death and on his way to be executed.

Translated into modern terms, what Jesus said would sound as horrible as this: Any man who wishes to follow me must take his seat on the electric chair... must take his place in the lethal chamber... must put his neck in a noose... and follow me.

One cross is not enough. There must be other crosses. My road is a death-march. I want for my followers only those who are willing to take the same trail.

Trail of The Cross

SUCH WORDS sounded harsh then; they do still. But in the light of the centuries, we can see what Jesus meant, better than that little band of frightened men around Jesus who did not want to hear the words "suffer... die." Jesus was not advocating pain for pain's sake.

Why did Jesus set his own face toward the cross? The Christian answer is, He did it—for others. Now what is wrong with the world today? It isn't that we don't wish our neighbors well; but the trouble is, we don't want to be bothered, our good-will is too tender to stand any strain, we will do anything for other people provided it doesn't hurt.

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John Adcock Died At Alvord March 23

ALVORD, March 23 (Sp.). — John Robert Adcock, 69, former Alvord mayor, died here Wednesday.

Services were conducted at 3 p. m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church. Rev. T. J. Doss of Terrell and Rev. J. D. Thorn of Alvord officiated. Adcock was a native of Ash-

down, Ark., and came to Texas 60 years ago. He settled in Bowie and moved to Alvord 10 years later. He had been in the grocery business here 45 years.

Adcock was chairman of the deacons of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge and a former school board member.

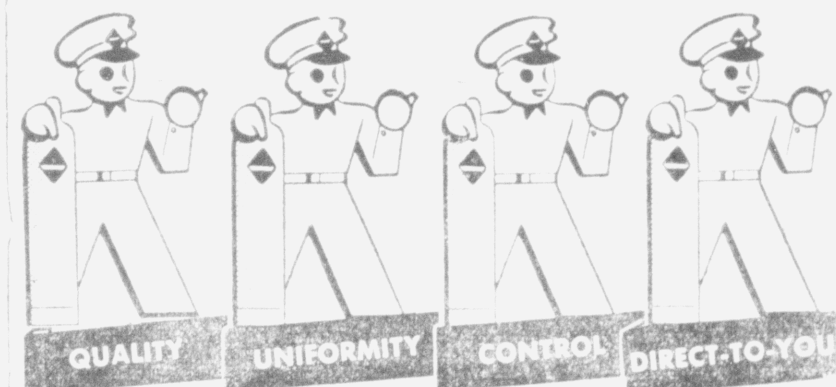
Surviving are his wife, six daughters, Mrs. R. C. Douglas and Mrs. J. G. Fallett, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. J. T. Petty of Fort Worth; Mrs. C. T. Northrup, who is living in Japan; Mrs. M. A. Brichett of Beaumont and Mrs. George Cutler of Vidor; two sons, L. E. Adcock of Comroe and H. H. Adcock of Alvord; two sisters; a brother, and 10 grandchildren.

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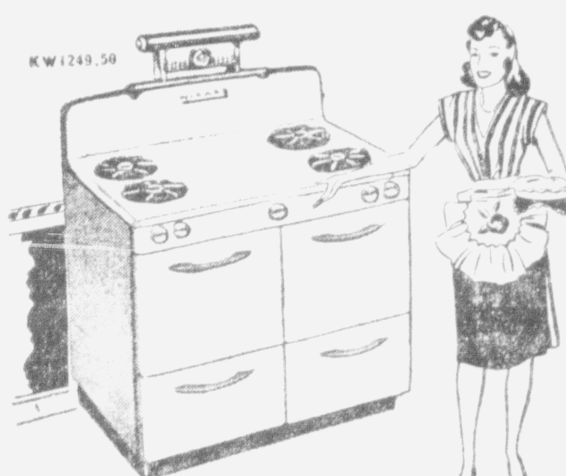
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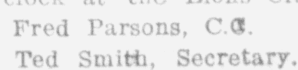
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BUSINESS HAS STAKE IN SOIL CONSERVATION

By A. K. Hopperly,
Agricultural Agent, Burlington
Lines, Denver, Colo.

The food we eat daily should be a constant reminder of our dependence upon the land, but soil is so commonplace, many fail to realize its real value. It is fitting, therefore, that special attention, such as the Soil Conservation Special Edition of the Wise County Messenger is called to remind us to conserve our most valuable heritage. In the early days, when each family lived on the food and fiber produced on their own farms by their own hands, it is understandable why they realized how close their existence was tied to the soil. With the ever increasing number of our people living in environments characterized by suburban residential developments and city slums, towering skyscrapers and vast industrial plants, it is easy to forget that life itself depends upon the soil. We have tended more and more to conceive of production and wealth in terms of men and machines alone, forgetting the land,

A moment's reflection, however, reminds us that all food (except fish) to sustain us, fiber to cover our bodies, shelter to protect us, fuel to warm us, and metals to fashion tools come from the earth. We could live without coal, ore and iron, and in certain climates without clothes or shelter, but man can not live without food. It is the essential of all life, and food comes from the soil. It is very appropriate then that this Special Soil Conservation Edition call attention to the need of conserving soil and water and to point out definite things which farmers in Wise County and the surrounding area can do to improve the productivity of their farms.

The term, soil conservation, is not sufficiently descriptive, as the subject it is meant to cover is much wider than mere "saving soil" as the term implies. Soil conservation is a science, a system of remedial practices, and a social movement. Much information needs to be developed before all scientific phases of it are known. The remedial practices vary widely, depending upon the soil types, topography of the

land, and climatic conditions. Generally speaking, they add up to keeping the soil in place, that is, not to permit it to wash or blow away. Then, too, the addition to land of plant food and humus in their many forms is included in soil conservation.

Soil conservation is in its embryonic stage as a social movement, but its potentialities are vast. The many bank, insurance, packing house, machinery company, chain store and railroad executives who had the opportunity to accompany the Burlington Lines Soil Conservation Special in Texas in November, 1947, found a new and powerful idea on the march. It is spreading into the cities as more and more people visualize their dependence upon the land. This intuitive feeling is better realized when we think of a worn-out farm not only as a loss to one man or one family, but rather as a loss to the community and to all America.

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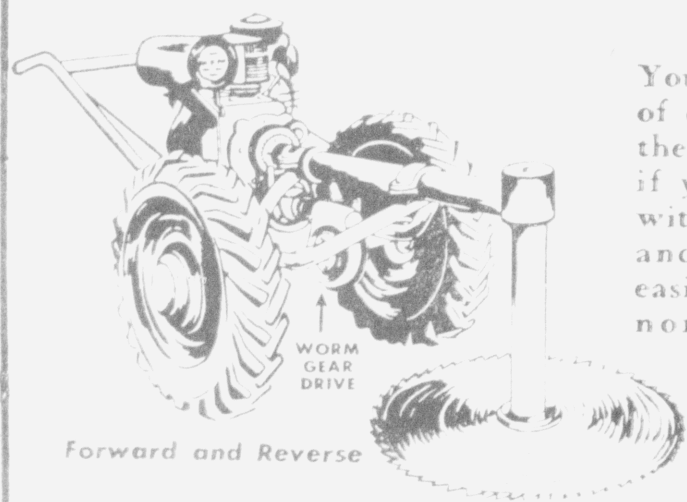
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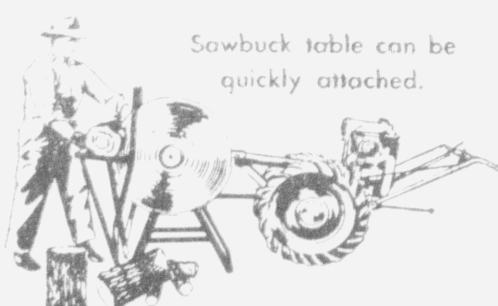
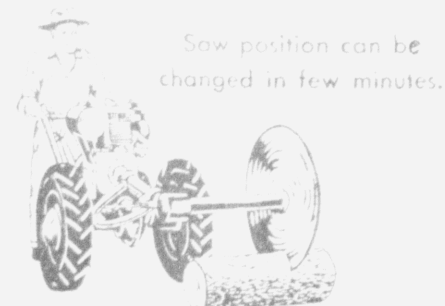
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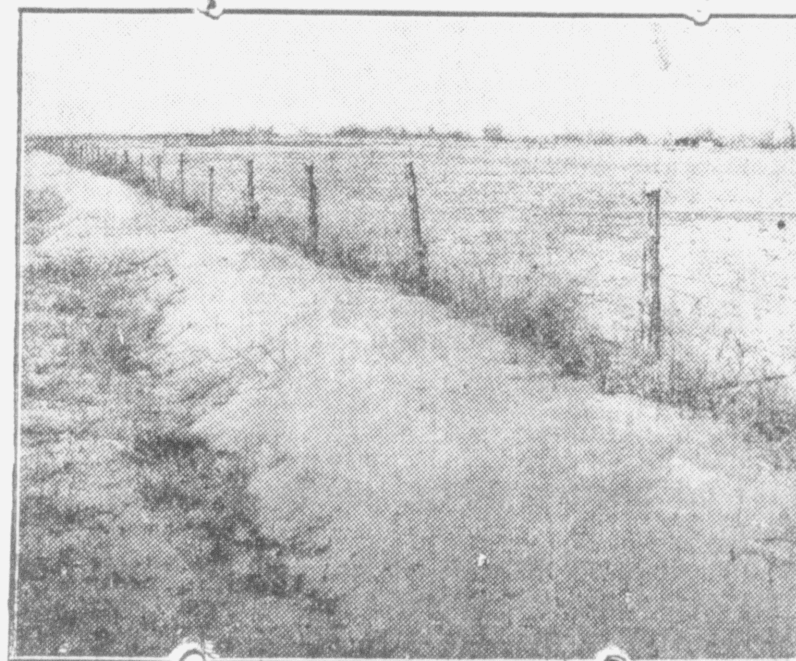
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there was only one cotton gin operating along this 70-mile strip of railroad, and Government figures show that Wise County produced only near 500 bales of cotton. This is in contrast to conditions reported by O. M. Smith, veteran FW&DC railroad official, Wichita Falls, who remembers when Wise County produced 40,000 bales of cotton, and there were two gins at Decatur, two at Rhame, two at Bridgeport, and one each at Greenwood, Siredi, Chiles, Alford, Boyd, Aurora, Audubon, Axil and Paradise. He also recalls when there were two flourishing flour mills at Decatur and when Wise County was producing four times as much wheat as the 50,000 bushels harvested in 1948 and twice as much corn as was produced last year. Businessmen do have a stake in soil conservation.

Fortunately there are facilities available, and there is the desire on the part of most farmers and businessmen to do something about saving the soil. All of Wise County is in an organized soil conservation district, which makes the many functions of the Soil Conservation Service available to every farmer in the county. The Agricultural Extension Service is also carrying on an extensive soil conservation program and can be of material aid to farmers in planning a crops and livestock program which will result in more productive farms. In addition, machinery, oil, railroad companies and others recognize the need of maintaining profitable production in their territories and are lending their aid in numerous ways. It is only natural that large business organizations are putting their resources behind the important work of conserving soil fertility. Here in Wise County and in other parts of the country as well, they have already experienced losses of business because of "worn out" soils. They know that profitable yields can not be maintained on land planted again and again to the same crop or on fields from which the top soil has washed away. It looks like better business to help awaken the interest of both rural and urban folks to the need of saving soil resources rather than to let the soil deteriorate to where it may take years to rebuild. Wise County farmers well know from firsthand experience that soil fertility building is a long and costly job.

On February 12 of this year,

the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company observed its 100th anniversary. Beginning at Chicago in 1849, it extended its present 11,000 miles, which include the FW&DC Railway Company, into a new frontier, making possible the settlement and cultivation of millions of acres of virgin soil. The virgin soil produced well, and thousands, yes, millions of ears of cotton, grain and livestock were shipped from the territory, and with them went considerable of the soil's fertility. There is no new frontier as far as virgin soil is concerned for any railroad to protect in the future. Yet the need for food and fiber will be greater. The problem of producing enough food to keep the United States well fed so it may continue to be strong and the leading nation of the world calls for a new frontier of soil fertility improvement on farms already settled. The development of this new frontier requires the cooperation of business, government agencies and the farmers themselves. The realization of this on the part of so many is encouraging and an indication that the problem will be solved. The statement, "Put soil conservation on the land, and it will put tonnage on the railroad," has so well been demonstrated that the Burlington Lines has ample reason for being interested in soil conservation work in the territory served by the Wise County Messenger.

Airport News

Intercollegiate air meet will be held at Fort Worth May 6-7 at Earle Mountain Air Base. Colleges and universities in the U. S. and Canada have been invited to participate, it has been announced by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association held in Kansas City Nov. 26-27. The Flying Frogs club of Texas Christian University will be the host club.

The breakfast flight of the Fort Worth Flyers scheduled for Sunday was postponed one week because of high wind and low ceiling at Fort Worth.

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To: G. C. HOLMES:

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the District Court of Wise County, Texas, to be held in the Court House of said county in The City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the First Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date hereof; that it is to say, at or before ten o'clock A.M. Monday the 2nd day of May, A.D. 1949, and answer the petition of C. J. Waters, plaintiff, against you, G. C. Holmes, defendant, in cause No. 7745, styled C. J. Waters versus G. C. Holmes, in which the said C. J. Waters is plaintiff and G. C. Holmes, to whom this citation is directed, is defendant; said petition having been filed in said court on the 9th day of March, A.D. 1949, and the nature of said suit being the cancellation of two contracts of assignment of oil, gas and other mineral leases, which were entered into by and between said C. J. Waters, joined pro forma by his wife, Mary Waters, and said G. C. Holmes, under date of August 4, 1948, covering the leasehold rights in and to the following lands situated in the County of Wise, State of Texas, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: Being the South 1/2 of a 100 acre tract, owned by C. W. Edgery Survey, Abstract No. 268, conveyed to W. C. Shook by Barnet Gibbs and wife, S. A. Gibbs, BEGINNING: 395 varas S of the NW corner said survey; THENCE: E. 925.4 varas; THENCE: S. 395 varas; THENCE: W. 925.4 varas; THENCE: N. 395 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING: At the NW corner of C. W. Edgery Survey; THENCE: E. with the N. B. L. of same 925.4 varas to the NE corner of same; THENCE: S. with E. B. L. of same 395 varas; THENCE: W. 925.4 varas to the W. B. L. of said survey; THENCE: N. with said line 395 varas to the place of beginning, being 20

acres off the West side of this tract.

THIRD TRACT: Out of Wm. Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 872; BEGINNING: At S. E. corner of W. M. Huskey 189.25 acre tract; THENCE: W. 381.7 varas; THENCE: N. 749 varas the N. B. L. of a 216 acre tract; THENCE: E. 381.7 varas; THENCE: S. 749 varas to the place of beginning, containing 50 acres of land, and being the same land conveyed by E. B. Suggs Et Ux to W. T. Thorne by deed recorded in Vol. 77, Page 31, Deed records of Wise County, Texas, the plaintiff claiming and asserting a leasehold right, title and interest in and to the First and Second Tracts under an oil and gas lease, dated November 27, 1947, executed by Rosey Nunley and husband, H. W. Nunley, to J. D. Hancock, and by the latter duly assigned to plaintiff, and in and to the Third Tract under an oil and gas lease dated the 14th day of January, 1948, executed by Melvin Q. Thorne Et Al to J. D. Hancock, and by the latter assigned and transferred to M. P. Mask, who assigned and transferred same to plaintiff, the plaintiff alleging in said cause that you, G. C. Holmes, defendant, have wholly failed and refused to perform any of the terms and conditions of said contracts or of either of them, by reason of which non-performance said contracts are forfeited and terminated by operation of their respective terms.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness Norma Taylor, Clerk of the District Court of Wise County, Texas, (Seal) Issued this 9th day of March, A. D. 1949.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To: F. M. Nelson; Will Deets; the unknown heirs of F. M. Nelson, if he be deceased; the unknown heirs of Will Deets, if he be deceased; the unknown legal representatives of F. M. Nelson, if he be deceased; the unknown legal representatives of Will Deets, if he be deceased; the unknown devisees of F. M. Nelson, if he be deceased; the unknown devisees of Will Deets, if he be deceased; all persons who have been or are the spouse of F. M. Nelson; all persons who have been or are the spouse of Will Deets; the unknown heirs of all persons now deceased who have been the spouse of F. M. Nelson; the unknown legal representatives of all persons now deceased who have been the spouse of F. M. Nelson; the unknown legal representatives of all persons now deceased who have been the spouse of Will Deets; the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs of Will Deets, if he be deceased; the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs of F. M. Nelson, if he be deceased; the unknown heirs and legal representatives of all persons now deceased who have been the spouse of F. M. Nelson; the unknown heirs and legal representatives of all persons now deceased who have been the spouse of Will Deets; defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court, 43rd Judicial District, of Wise County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said County in the City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas, at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance

hereof; that is to say, at or before ten o'clock A. M. of Monday the 2nd day of May, 1949, and answer the petition of Oliver Bond, plaintiff, in cause Number 7744, styled "Oliver Bond vs. F. M. Nelson, et al.," in which Oliver Bond is plaintiff and those persons are defendants who are first named in this citation and to whom it is directed; which petition was filed in said Court on the 7th day of March, 1949, and the nature of which suit is as follows: A trespass to try title suit for the recovery of title and possession of the following described tract of land situated in Wise County, State of Texas, containing 29.5 acres, more or less, out of Block 13 of the Grayson County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 329, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Block 13, Grayson County School Land Survey; thence East 490 varas; thence North 511 varas to the center of a creek, a dividing line of said block; thence with the meanderings of said creek, South 9 1/2 degrees West 34 varas, South 65 degrees West 86 varas, South 78 degrees West 40 varas, South 14 1/2 degrees West 72 varas, South 50 degrees West 40 varas, South 30 degrees West 60 varas, South 83 1/2 degrees West 120 varas, South 45 degrees West 27 varas; thence West 33 varas to the West line of said block; thence South 214 varas to the place of beginning, the plaintiff claiming the full fee simple title to said land under the ordinary statutory count in trespass to try title and also, by special pleas, under the five-year statute of limitations of the State of Texas, such statute being Article 5509, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, and under the ten-year statute of limitations of the State of Texas, such statute being Article 5510, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, the interest of the named and unknown defendants, and of each of them, in the above described property being nothing.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS Norma Taylor,

Clerk of the District Court, 43rd Judicial District, of Wise County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Decatur, this 7th day of March, 1949.

NORMA TAYLOR,
Clerk of the District Court,
43rd Judicial District, of
Wise County, Texas.

Issued this 7th day of March, 1949.

NOTICE OF ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WISE CITY OF RHOME

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Rhome, Texas, on the 9 day of April, 1949, on the proposition and at the place more particularly set forth in the resolution adopted by the City Commission on the 21 day of March, 1949, calling said election, which is as follows:

"RESOLUTION
BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, CALLING AN ELECTION ON THE PROPOSITION OF THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,000.00 WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND EXTENDING THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF SAID CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Rhome, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of the said City for the purpose hereinafter mentioned;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS:

1. That an election be held in said City of Rhome, Texas, on the 9 day of April, 1949, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Commission of the City of Rhome, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City in the sum of \$10,000.00, maturing serially in such installments as may be fixed by the City Commission, the maximum maturity being not more than Twenty (20) years from their date, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed Five (5%) per cent per annum, for the purpose of improving and extending the Waterworks System of said City, to be issued in accordance with and secured in the manner provided in Articles 1111-1118, both inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, each bond to be conditioned that the holder thereof shall never have the right to demand payment of said obligation out of funds raised or to be raised by taxation, secured by a pledge of the net revenues from the operation of said system."

2. That said election shall be held at Masonic Building, within said City, and the following named persons are hereby appointed directors of said election, to-wit:

J. R. Whitehead, Presiding Judge,
Mrs. J. P. Morris, Judge,
Mrs. Jewel Holt, Clerk,
Mrs. Harold Simmons, Clerk.

3. The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 2 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, and only legally qualified electors who own taxable property in the City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be qualified to vote.

4. The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS"
"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS"

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

5. A substantial copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor of said City and attested by the City Clerk shall serve as proper notice of said election. Notice shall be given in accordance with Article 704, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended. The

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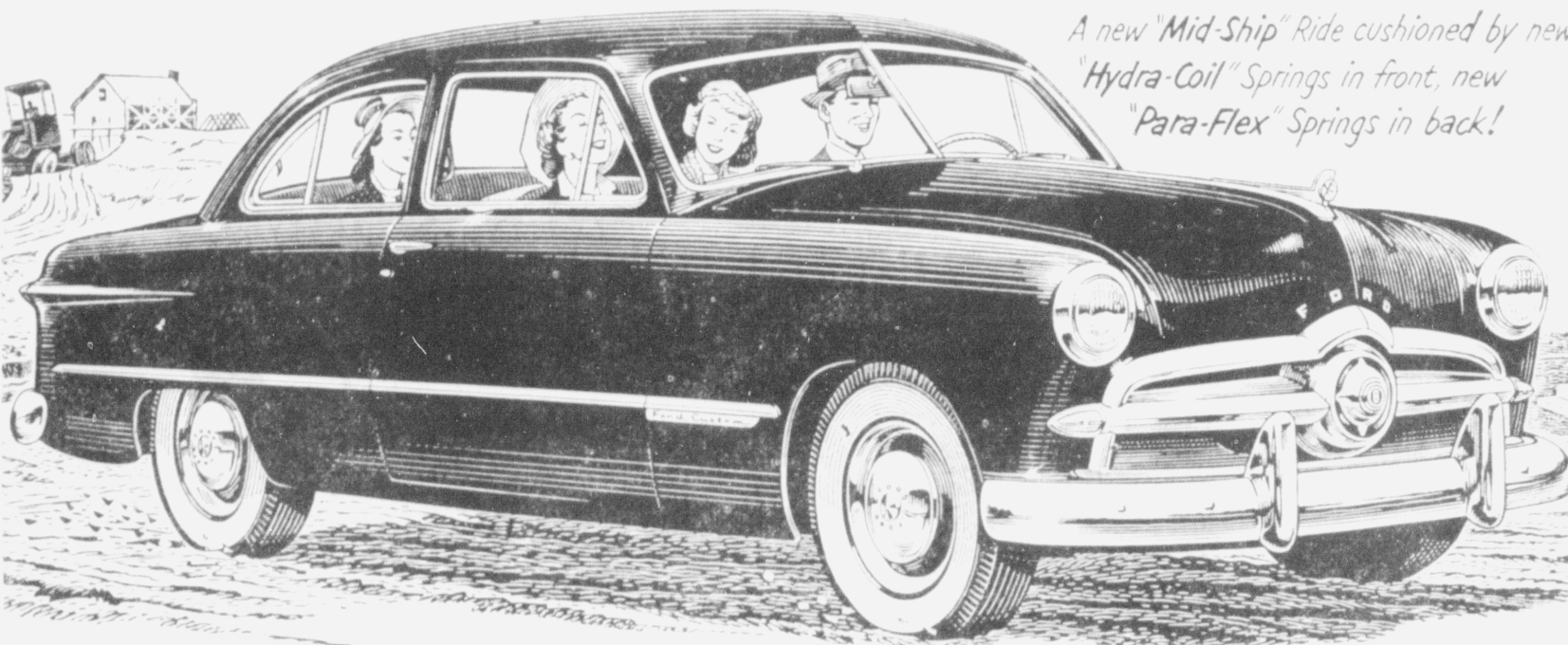


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Mayor is authorized and directed to have a copy of said notice posted at the City Hall and at two other public places within said City not less than fifteen days prior to the date fixed for holding said election. He shall also cause said notice to be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within said City, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen days prior to the date set for said election. Except as otherwise provided in said Article 704, as amended, the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws governing general elections.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED
this 21 day of March, 1949.
P. H. HARVEY,
Mayor, City of Rhome, Texas
ATTEST:
J. H. McGLATHLIN,
City Clerk, City of Rhome, Texas

Services Held For Conway Child

Sylvia Hope Conway was born in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, August 29, 1938, and the family moved to Dallas soon after her birth and lived in Dallas a few months and moved to Fort Worth, where they have lived. Since moving there until the first of March this year they moved to Decatur, where Sylvia passed away Wednesday morning, March 9th, at 9:30 o'clock. She was stricken with paralysis when she was two months of age and had been an invalid practically all her life.

She is survived by her parents, Orville and Mary Conway of Decatur, and two brothers and one sister, Orville Jr., Jacquelyn, and Wayne Austin Conway, all of Decatur. She is also survived by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Conway of Glen Rose, Mrs. W. A. Kidd of Weatherford, and a number of uncles, aunts and other relatives.

The body was carried to Venus, Texas, former home of the parents, for services and interment. Services were held at the Venus Baptist Church Thursday, March 10, at 3:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Ross Hilland of Alvarado. Interment in Venus Cemetery, with H. H. Mayo, Thomas De Free, B. Brewer and Ed Parrell acting pallbearers.

Read the advertisements in this soil conservation issue!

In Japan

Headquarters Far East Air Forces, Tokyo, Japan.—A recent arrival in Japan to take up a new Far East Air Force assignment is Private First Class Billie G. Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Read, Decatur, Texas.

Read took his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and is currently assigned to the 1126th Military Police Company (aviation), with others in the New Kurio Building, which also serves as his billet. This billet, which faces the most surrounding the Imperial Palace Grounds of Emperor Hirohito, houses several hundred airmen.

Residing in Decatur are four brothers, Leon, Marvin, J. D., and Ernest, and four sisters, Lorraine, Patsy, Peggy Joyce, and Mrs. Geneva Read Hudson. Another sister, Mrs. Pauline Read Carlton, lives in Bridgeport, Texas, while brother Private Harold Read is also serving with the armed forces in Japan.

Private Read's tour of duty terminates in March of 1951.

Dedicated to Mrs. Thelma Hukill and children in memory of Aubrey G. Hukill by Rev. Gus Whatley of Rome, Texas.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DADDY

Daddy, there's a stillness in our home tonight.
As we look forward into the future so empty and void of light.
Yes, Daddy, a sob that smothered our very breath.

But, Daddy, we are happy to know that you have conquered man's last enemy, Death.

Daddy, your going has left us lonely and blue.
But it was God's call and we know He needed you.
So we have just called upon God and fixed our souls and mind.
Through God's Grace we will see you again, though now we are left behind.

Now, Daddy, there's just one thing that gives us joy and lightens our load.
There's an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone and there is a light we cannot see.
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate we know you've found happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the truth, that a loving God knows best.

Read the advertisements in this soil conservation issue!

Fairview HD Club Has Texas Day Program March 22

On March 22 the Fairview H. D. Club met with Mrs. H. D. Scroggins for our Texas Day program. We opened with sing-

ing "The Eyes of Texas" and playing a game of zip. Each member answered roll call with an idea for raising funds for the club.

Our council delegate gave her report and stressed the fact of painting our mail boxes and our names on them. Also do not let us forget Dairy Day the 22nd of April.

The program of Texas was very interesting. We had a brief history, the geography of Texas, with its twelve regions. The vastness of its plains, its tropical climate, metropolis cities, beautiful roses and beautiful women are known the world over.

Texas resources are many, including the Helicon plant at Amarillo, oil fields of East Texas, tomatoes and sweet potatoes, the deep south—its climate for citrus and winter gardens. The rest of the state has a little of any resource you'll find in the whole of the U. S. The grains, cotton, cattle raising, dairy farms—are pictures themselves.

The Texas Bluebonnet is our state flower. The wild flowers are many. Our highways are full of wild honeysuckle, Indian paint brush, wild rose, wood sorrel, purple verbena, and evening primrose.

According to Mr. John Randolph who wrote "Texas Brags", "Texas does not have all the advantages in the world but does have the biggest bulk."

"That men in Texas are measured by the size of their hearts and Texas is noted for big men."

"Texas has 12 state colleges and universities."

This ended our program and we planned our meetings for the rest of the year.

Our next meeting is April 15th at Mrs. Jewell Smith's. Our agent Miss Hodge will be present. We like visitors and new members.

Jewell Smith, reporter.

BUYS MEETING PLACE

Dr. J. H. Valek has purchased the McClung place, 15 acres just west of the city limits on the Bridgeport highway. The McClung family will close the cafe they are operating now, but their future plans are uncertain at this time.



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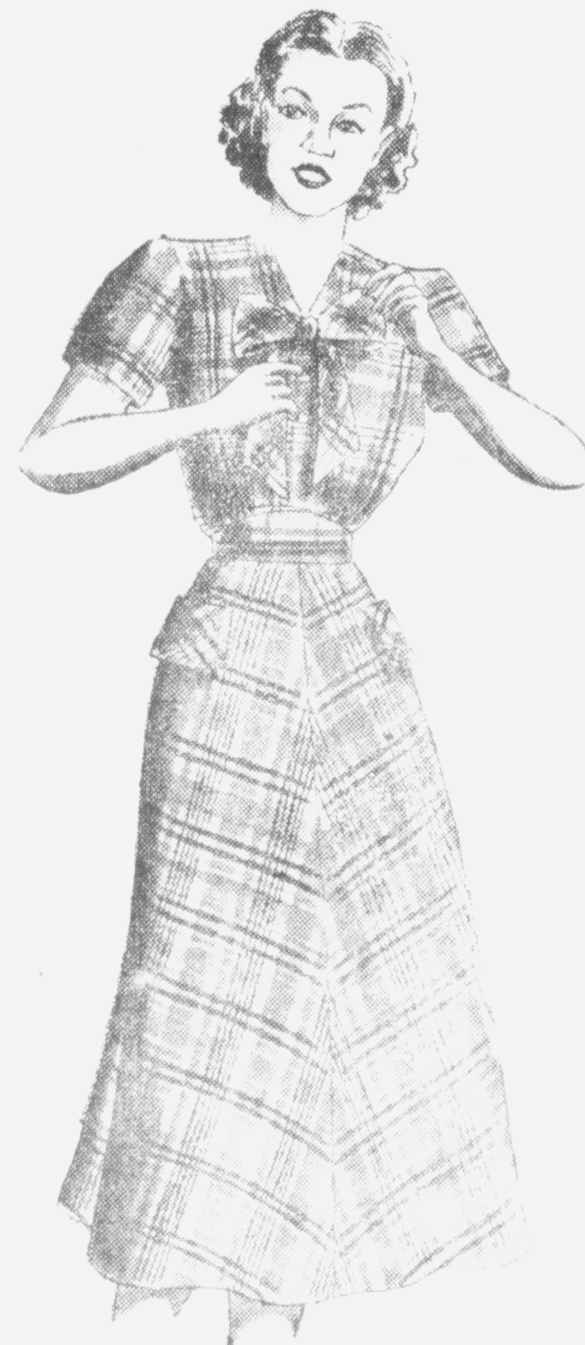
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FISH-FARMING IS PROFITABLE

Robert Lowman, fish-farmer near Staples, Texas, exhibits string of largemouth bass he caught from his 2½-acre fish pond less than six months after he had stocked the lake with 2,500 sunfish fingerlings and 250 bass fingerlings.

Big Profits in PLANTING FISH

Soil Conservation Has Valuable By-Products

By JOHN E. KING

THERE is a new kind of farming in Texas — fish-farming. And Texas farmers are making it profitable.

Last year something like 10,000 farmers, many of them in Texas, encouraged by Government experts, raised a crop of fish. Every year more and more farmers are constructing dams, creating artificial lakes and ponds, and are stocking these lakes and ponds with fish. They are taking advantage of this new sideline in farming.

Fish farming is a by-product of soil conservation. Government experts throughout the country are encouraging it. Farmers are being urged, and even paid by the Government, to construct small lakes and ponds for stock water, to check erosion of their farms, and for storing surplus run-off water in these artificial lakes. The Government also is encouraging farmers to stock these lakes and ponds with fish and to fertilize the fish feeding grounds by placing food for the fish in the water. Scientific studies are available to farmers telling them how many fish can be maintained in their lakes, what is the best food to be placed for the fish to eat, and how to care for the fish ponds to get the maximum return in food for their families.

Fish Culture Among Ancients

Fish-farming is not new. The Romans built great epicurean fish ponds out of alabaster in which to grow food fish. Centuries ago, the Chinese domesticated several varieties of fish for the home table. In the 1700's, English lords stocked their manor waters with carp, and frugal peasants in Brittany were harvesting fish on flooded grain-fields as part of the regular crop rotation.

And now, the United States Department of Agriculture is merely bringing fish-culture up to date. By encouraging pisciculture — fish-farming — to you, the Government has added millions of pounds of food to the Nation's food supply.

In all sections of the country, "farms" for growing fish — tanks, lakes and ponds constructed as part of the vast soil conservation program — are producing large quantities of tasty, nutritious food to tempt faded appetites and to stretch the family food budget.

The fish farmer gets an average of 200 to 300 pounds of edible fish from each acre in his fish farm. The fish are fat and sweet, often tipping the scales at 6 to 8 pounds, and it costs no more than 10 cents a pound to raise them. They are much cheaper than chicken or other meat. They add wholesome variety to the diet of farm families. And there is more sport in raising and catching them than in raising chickens or other fowl, hogs or other food animals.

Balanced Food Chain

The astonishing production records attained in fish-farming are based on three discoveries:

1. In any given controllable body of water, a natural, balanced "food chain" can be set up which automatically provides its fish population with enough food to live, reproduce and grow to usable size.

2. Any increase in the number of fish, without a corresponding increase in the food supply, simply results in reducing the average size of each fish in the pond.

3. By fertilizing the water, the food supply can be stepped up to support larger numbers of fish, just as pasture land can be fertilized to increase the poundage of meat or

quantity of milk produced per acre.

It is impossible to fish out a pond that has been correctly stocked and regularly and scientifically fertilized with food for the growing fish. No more than half of the fish in any lake or pond can ever be caught with hook and line; the remaining half, left with twice their former food supply, simply stop biting for a few months until their number builds up and their food becomes scarce again.

Recreation Is By-Product

A valuable by-product of the farm fish pond is recreation — outdoor sport that often means the saving of a doctor's bill. The family has fun fishing and swimming in the lake, and many a farmer sells fishing privileges to individuals and clubs for which he receives a neat cash return. Sixty families within driving distance of a nice farm fish pond that I know pay \$10 a year each for fishing privilege in the 12-acre lake. Last year these families caught a total of 3,000 pounds of fish.

Untiring scientists at Federal and

is needed. The plankton also is of material value to the fisherman, as it prevents the fish from seeing the fisherman or his boat.

Weed growth largely dies away as plankton-filled water shuts off the infiltration of sunlight. Pond lilies and weeds which send large leafy surfaces to the top must be destroyed by lopping off their tops, for they afford concealment to small fish, which throws the pond's food chain out of balance. Where there are no weeds, the fish devour the mosquito larvae and thus help to eliminate these troublesome pests.

Bream and Bass

The bluegill, or bream, is the perfect forage fish for the Southern States. It multiplies fast and is good to eat. A fertilized pond will support a large number of adult sunfish weighing around half a pound, an ideal size for pan frying.

A new pond, after being fertilized, is stocked with exactly 1,500 sunfish fingerlings per acre. During the first year each sunfish will produce about 4,000 young. Unless

operated fish hatcheries, or from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service if their applications are endorsed by the United States Soil Conservation Service. The Soil Conservation Service gives farmers free advice on the selection of site for his fish pond and on the best methods for stocking and fertilizing his pond. If a farmer does his own work with his own tractor or team, he can build a one-acre fish pond for \$100 to \$200.

Any farmer with a bit of waste or marginal land, or any suburbanite with an extra acre of ground, can build a fish pond and raise enough fish after one year to meet all family demands.

Department of Agriculture experts recommend a fish pond on every farm which can maintain it. Most farms have gullied slopes, scrubby pastures, abandoned orchards, or hard-to-work tracts of poorly drained lowlands. This sort of land is better adapted to fish-farming than to any other use.

A Texas Fish-Farmer

Here are the experiences of one typical fisherman farmer.

Early in December, 1914, Robert Lowman of Staples built a stock pond on his farm. Covering two and a half acres, the pond cost Lowman around \$800, of which amount the government paid approximately half. By the middle of February heavy winter rains had filled the tank, and Lowman was ready to try a project which had been occupying his mind for many months, a private fishpond for his family and friends.

A visit to a nearby fish hatchery showed Lowman not only that he could raise fish on his farm, but that he could obtain a stocking of fish without any charge, plus a great deal of expert advice on the type of fish to stock, the number of fish that should be stocked, and the amount of fertilizer needed to raise food for his fish.

Farmer Lowman followed the advice of the experts and placed his tank with 250 bass and 2,500 sunfish. (Continued on Page 12)



GATHERING TEXAS FISH CROP—Bob Lowman, Jr., pulls a largemouth bass from his father's 2½-acre fish farm near Staples as Linus Wilks, son of Dr. S. S. Wilks, Professor of Biology at Southwest Texas State Teachers' College at San Marcos, holds two nice bass that Bob had just landed. The bass were caught within six months after the Lake had been stocked with 2,500 sunfish fingerlings and 250 largemouth bass fingerlings.

State Experiment Stations have conducted many experiments during the last 15 years to determine the proper number of fish to be placed in a tank and the proper methods for feeding the fish to obtain best results. These experiments have shown that any ordinary chemical fertilizer—fish food—placed in a fish pond will almost immediately increase the production of microscopic plants and animalcules known collectively as plankton. Insects feed upon the plankton, forage fish feed upon the insects and their larvae, and finally, carnivorous fish feed upon the swarming young of the forage fish.

Plankton Grows Quickly

Within a few days after the first application of fertilizer, the water takes on a delicate sea-green opalescence from the myriads of plankton. Later on, it is impossible to see more than 10 inches below the surface of the water. If the farmer can see his hand a foot or more down in the water, it is time to add more fertilizer. No other test

these new fish are held down in numbers, there would be, within one year, 3,000,000 little sunfish per acre. Here the carnivorous fish enters to complete the stable food chain.

The choice carnivorous fish for the Southern region is the largemouth black bass, a hardy, fighting fish. For every 1,500 sunfish, 150 bass fingerlings are placed in the pond. Fewer bass may fail to keep the sunfish population within bounds; more may annihilate the sunfish entirely.

One year after stocking, a pond is usually supporting the maximum weight of fish for the available food, which means in a well-fertilized pond as much as 500 to 600 pounds of fish per acre. Of this total weight, between 150 and 200 pounds per acre will be bass—three or four times as many bass as you ever found in the best natural lake you ever fished.

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COMMUNIST Conviction of CARDINAL Heralds Bitter Fight With Catholic Church

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THE long war between Communism and the Roman Catholic Church has entered a new and intensely bitter phase. In Communist-dominated Hungary Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty (pronounced MEEND-sen-tee) was sentenced to life imprisonment—the first prelate to be tried and punished while a Cardinal in the 1,900-year history of the Church. Pope Pious said that a “conspiracy has been formed against God” in Communist countries.

The Mindszenty case and the outcry against it involves far more than a clash between Communism and the Church. It is a major development in the larger struggle between East and West—between two ways of life that are opposed on political and economic as well as religious grounds. Leaders in Western Governments—President Truman, Secretary Acheson, British Foreign Minister Bevin, among them—denounced the Hungarian

Western capitals against the background of the general Russian drive for the consolidation and integration of Eastern Europe under Communist control. This drive had been carried on in the economic and political fields.

On the economic side, the consolidation takes the form of the “Molotov Plan”—an interlocking network of trade treaties—and the trade boycott against Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia for his defiance of the Cominform.

On the political side there is the effort to gain complete domination of governments by the Communist party.

Latest moves seemed to show that a new phase in the political consolidation has been fully launched—a direct assault on the last great rallying point of opposition: the Church.

Nature of the Conflict

The battleground of the struggle between the Church and the Kremlin is the Continent of Europe. The



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Government for what President Truman described as an “infamous” act. There were consultations over possible diplomatic action against the Budapest Government.

Other Communist Action

While Hungary was the focus, there were moves by Communism against the clergy—Protestant as well as Catholic—in other Eastern European countries. In Rumania the Communist regime decreed tight governmental regulations over all church groups. In Bulgaria fifteen Protestant ministers were indicted on charges of espionage.

These moves were viewed as

table below shows the countries on the Continent in which there is major Catholic strength (the figures on Catholics are from Church sources):

Country	Total Population	Catholics
Austria	7,057,000	5,938,000
Belgium	8,454,000	8,238,000
Czechoslovakia	12,538,000	8,500,000
France	41,500,000	31,000,000
E. Germany	18,503,000	2,700,000
W. Germany	47,108,000	17,300,000
Hungary	9,383,000	7,017,000
Italy	45,833,000	45,170,000
Netherlands	9,793,000	3,100,000
Poland	23,781,000	21,712,000
Portugal	8,402,000	7,882,271
Spain	27,761,000	27,500,000
Yugoslavia	15,752,000	6,031,156

The nature of the Church-Communist struggle was first clearly de-

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News of Farm and Ranch TEXAS

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Blackstrap molasses, a by-product of the sugar industry that went out of reach of cattle feeders in Texas during the war years, is back again as an inexpensive feed for livestock owners. Latest quotations on blackstrap molasses are 9 to 9½ cents a gallon in carload lots. Experiments have shown blackstrap molasses to be worth from 75 to 85 per cent of the same weight of corn for cattle and almost equal to corn for work mules.

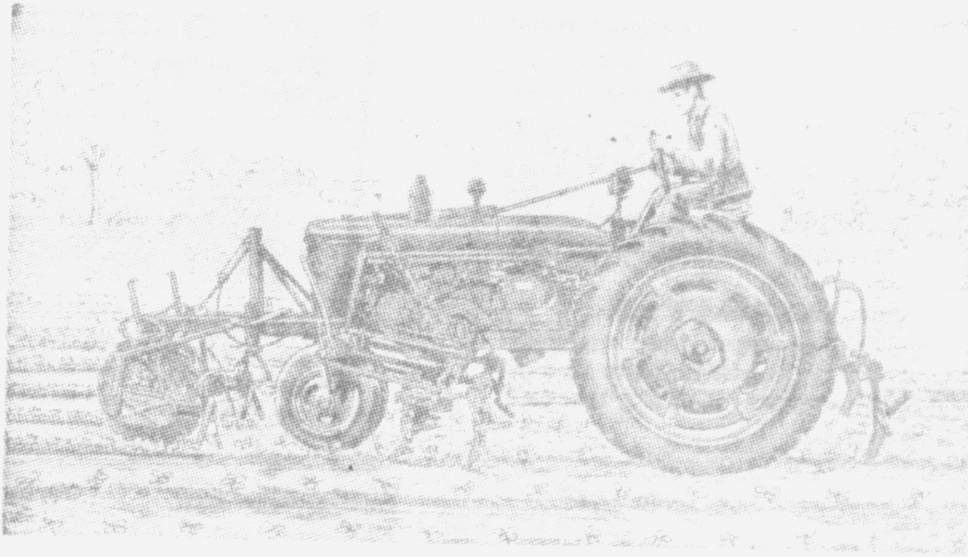
S. W. Estes, Ward county ranchman, believed that while he couldn't do anything to remedy the dry weather and short grass, he at least could try to overcome some of the consequences. Accordingly, Estes cleared some land and drilled a well in the early fall, planning to grow winter feed under irrigation. He said that if the trial is successful, he will drill more wells "and have enough permanent pasture under irrigation to whip drouth."

John Beazley of Harris county is given credit for growing the largest sweet potato ever grown in this country. The potato was grown in Beazley's garden on Trinity Bay near Houston. It weighed 28 pounds, is 17 inches across at its widest point and measures 42 inches in circumference. County Agricultural Agent Dan Clinton of Harris county and the Agriculture Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce say it is the largest yam of which they have any record.

Texas farmers are making long strides toward complete mechanization of their farms. H. P. Smith, agricultural engineer of Texas A. & M. College, has completed analysis of a survey of Texas farms. Reports furnished by county agents throughout the State disclose that no horses or mules are now being used in crop production in 40 Texas counties. Crop production in these counties is completely mechanized except for some hand hoeing and hand harvesting of cotton. Thirty other counties use fewer than 25 horses or mules while 35 other counties report fewer than 100 horses or mules used in crop production.

Results of an experiment in Henderson county in which land was planted to vetch and the green manure plowed under have been announced by M. K. Thornton, agricultural chemist at Texas A. & M. College. The vetch was planted and an application of phosphate was given the land at the time of planting. The land was prepared after the green vetch had been turned under and hybrid corn was planted. An application of 400 pounds of 5-10-5 fertilizer was made at time of planting corn. Later the corn was sidedressed with 400 pounds of ammonium nitrate. The corn yielded 111 bushels to the acre. Where only 30 pounds of 5-10-5 was applied at planting time and later sidedressed with 200 pounds of ammonium nitrate, the yield was 63 bushels to the acre. The check plot for this demonstration yielded only 15 bushels of corn to the acre.

Topdressing and sidedressing nitrogen fertilizers has paid big dividends over Texas, says M. K. Thornton, agricultural chemist of Texas A. & M. College. In the blackland area a topdressing of 50 pounds of ammonium nitrate, which contains 16 pounds of nitrogen, increased yield of oats 10 bushels to the acre. Yield of wheat was increased by 7 bushels and a sidedressing on corn yielded 9 bushels more for each 16 pounds of nitrogen applied. In the same area 16 pounds of nitrogen for cotton gave a yield of 75 pounds of lint cotton. In the Texas Panhandle the yield of wheat was doubled by application of nitrogen fertilizer.



HOE WITH A SEAT ON IT—Cotton chopping is being done mechanically now with the Dixie Cotton Chopper, manufactured in Dallas. This machine, which thins cotton and other row crops to the desired stand at the same time cultivates the soil. It can be attached to a tractor, to which a full set of cultivator plows also are attached, and a cotton field can be chopped and cultivated in the same operation.

W. S. Brickell of Waxahachie harvested Hubam seed and turned under the straw. That year the cotton on the land made 861 pounds of seed cotton per acre, compared with 630 pounds in the next field. And from the U. S. Cotton Experiment Station near Greenville, Dalton Hooton reports that cotton following Hubam turned under during the flowering stage made 875 pounds of seed cotton per acre. But where cotton follows cotton the yield was only 605 pounds.

Twenty acres of hairy vetch paid a Rockwall county farmer well. Last fall Pink Beddingfield planted the legume in a field along the east fork of the Trinity river just above the flood line. He ran his sheep on the field from early winter until April and then let the vetch mature for seed. "It surely did put flesh on the lambs," said County Agent F. V. Irvin, adding that Beddingfield sold 14 fat lambs for \$240. The farmer reports harvesting 1,900 pounds of seed from the acreage, but believes he lost more than that by cutting before it was fully ripe.

That mysterious farmer's friend called "hybrid vigor" is going to put many more dollars into the pockets of dairy farmers, and those in Texas will be among the recipients. This hybrid vigor is now paying corn growers an extra \$750,000,000 a year. Dairy breeding experts say that if the new breeding ideas could be applied immediately in all herds they might advance this country's dairy production by 25 per cent, with no increase in the number of cows. That would mean about \$50,000,000 extra cash from dairy products each year from America's 25,000,000 dairy cows, or about \$20 extra from each cow at present dairy prices. Dr. O. E. Reed, chief of the Federal Bureau of Dairy Industry, said that experiments so far have shown that the commercial dairy farmer will be greatly benefitted by hybrid breeding of his dairy herds.

Soils of the Texas Blacklands are among the most erosive in the United States. Continuous row crop cultivation on a 4 per cent slope at Temple is causing the soil to wash away at such a rate that the entire 10 inches of topsoil will likely be gone in 60 years. This topsoil planted to sweetclover or small grain will remain almost indefinitely, as these crops protect the soil. They provide an abundance of organic matter for soil conditioning, and sweetclover or other legumes add nitrogen, which is the most limited essential plant food in Blackland soils. Some of the sweetclovers have also given outstanding beef gains from grazing.

Income realized from poultry and poultry products on farms in McLennan County now is in excess of \$7,000,000 a year, an increase of more than \$1,000,000 in the last seven years. In this period the broiler raising business has developed from scratch, and now Waco is recognized as one of the best broiler marketing points in the State.

Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service, located at the Hubbard Work Unit, recently added up some of the conservation practices being applied by co-operators of the three conservation districts served by the work unit. They found that, in spite of the dry weather, over 4,000 acres of winter legumes, vetch and peas, have been planted, and some of the plantings are yet to be reported.

Harry Burke and Afton Burke, doing business as Burke Bros., near Corsicana, have taken the lead in the State as breeders of Brahman cattle. These brothers were raising Herefords a few years ago when they decided to stock a portion of wasteland on their Navarro County ranch with mixed breeds of cattle as an experiment. Among these mixed breeds were some Brahman cattle and some cows that had been bred to Brahman bulls. The growth and development of the Brahman cattle was spectacular and the brothers decided to turn to Brahman breeding. Their Brahman bull, Dutch Hilar, was grand champion bull at the Corsicana Livestock and Agricultural Show in 1948 and reserve champion at the State Fair of Texas at Dallas in 1947.

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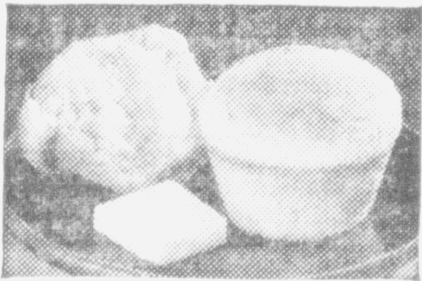
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Communist Conviction of Cardinal

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fined in the Russian revolution in 1917. The new Bolshevik regime was confronted with organized opposition from the Greek Orthodox Church (in schism with the Pope). The church had been Russia's state church, with the Czar at its head, and had much strength in Russian social structure. The Communist government broke the power of the church as an organization.

Much the same problem arose after World War II, as Communism spread into Eastern Europe, with the Russian armies. In Eastern Europe, the Church was powerful; it exerted an influence that had a strong hold on deeply religious peoples; it was bitterly anti-Communist. As the Communists gained control of Eastern European countries, they made plain their conviction that a strong Communist government and a strong anti-Communist church could not co-exist. All over Europe, the Communist-Catholic struggle was at its height.

Trial and Punishment

The Catholic-Communist struggle has heated up most recently in Hungary, where about two-thirds of the population are Catholics. During the post-war period, as Communists triumphed, there had been in the Budapest Government, Cardinal Mindszenty publicly fought the new regime as anathema.

The day after last Christmas, he was arrested. His three-day trial

Teacher "Army" Sought

Founders of our Nation are out to recruit a new army—an army of teachers. It is called "an army" for 1945-622 new elementary teachers will be needed over the next 10 years. That calculation was reported by members of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards.

The army of elementary teachers will be needed to replace teachers who leave the classroom for retirement or other reasons; to replace teachers now holding "emergency" licenses; to reduce the size of classes to an average of 25 pupils; to provide one additional teacher for each 30 additional pupils expected because of the increased birthrate.

was in the gray-brick People's Court Building in Budapest.

The tribunal was one of the People's Courts set up by the Communist-controlled government after the war.

Cardinal Mindszenty was accused of these things: (1) Treason (any act committed against the "people's democracy"); (2) leading an organization concerned with the overthrow of the Hungarian Government; (3) illegal trading in dollars.

In open court Cardinal Mindszenty, on the witness stand, said: "I feel that I am only partly guilty. I am guilty in principle and in detail of most of the accusations made, but I cannot accept the conclusion of having participated in a plot to overthrow the democratic regime."

Why Did He Confess?

Those who followed the case closely advanced a number of theories about the Mindszenty confession. Among them were these: (1) By confessing guilt "in principle" of violating Communist law, he was simply admitting the fact that, as a Prince of the Church, he was deeply committed by faith and philosophy to a policy of opposition to the Communist state. (2) The trial was a completely trumped up job and the Cardinal was forced to plead guilty.

The People's Court announced its decision on Cardinal Mindszenty—guilty as charged; imprisonment for life. The Cardinal appealed for a reduction of his sentence to an upper bench of the People's Court.

The West Reacts

Protests against the conviction and sentencing were based on the court's procedure and on the philosophy behind the prosecution.

Pope Pius said: "The conflict between the good and the wicked has seldom, if ever, been so acute as it is today." He called for special masses throughout the world to "expiate the crime of the enemies of God." The Vatican excommunicated all those connected with the arrest, trial and sentencing of Cardinal Mindszenty. In Vatican City, the Sacred College of Cardinals met in a secret and extraordinary session.

In New York, Francis Cardinal Spellman called Communists "men degraded and detached from the faith of their gods, know only Satan and Stalin."

In London, Foreign Minister Bevin called the trial "repugnant," he called on the Hungarian Minister

and told him of the British view. In the United States nine members of the Hungarian consular staffs—in Washington, New York and Cleveland—quit their jobs because of their Government's policies and sought sanctuary in America.

At his press conference Secretary of State Acheson denounced the Hungarian Government and said: "The people of the United States, and, without question, peoples of other freedom-loving nations, are sickened and horrified by these developments."

President Truman called the Mindszenty conviction the "infamous" act of a kangaroo court.

Back to the Pentagon

In Washington recently a man in a blue business suit started to enter the Pentagon Building. A guard challenged him: "Do you have a pass?" The civilian grinned and said: "I'm Eisenhower." He got in.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, former Army Chief of Staff and President of Columbia University since Oct.

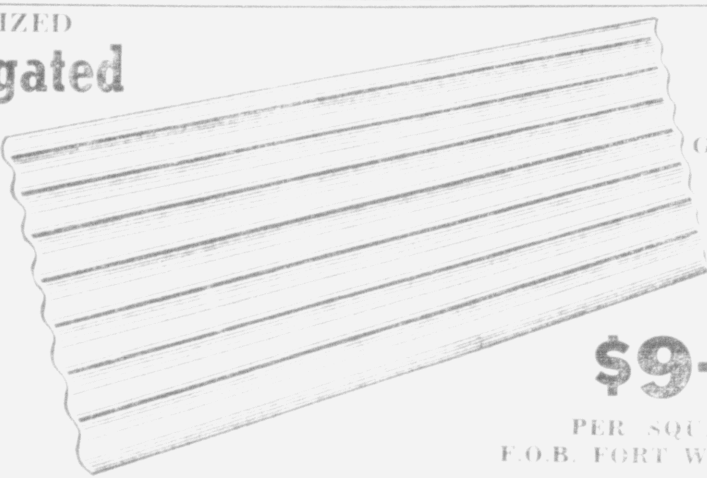
12, 1948, has recently been visiting the Pentagon from time to time as a consultant for the National Military Establishment.

General Eisenhower has been granted leave from Columbia to stay in Washington for "some seven or eight weeks" on defense work. The White House spelled out his assignment. It said General Eisenhower would be "principal military adviser and consultant" to President Truman and Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal, and "will sit in on meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and act as presiding officer."

The statement meant that General Eisenhower is to be a trouble-shooter to help clear up serious problems that have arisen in the National Defense Establishment. This is the situation.

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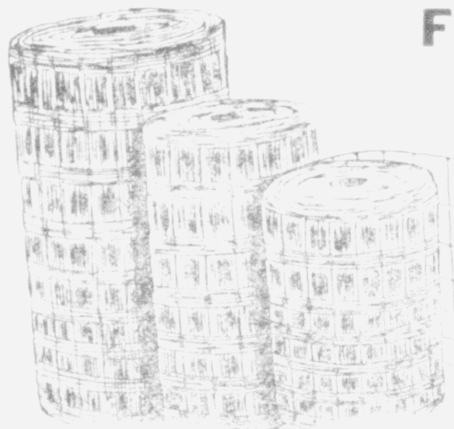


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Six TEXANS Defeat MEXICANS

In Battle of Our Lady of Refuge Mission

By J. NORMAN HEARD
Austin, Texas

THE battle of the Alamo and the massacre at Goliad have been vividly recounted by historians. These disasters occurred in March, 1836. That same month a smaller force of Texans decisively defeated a proportionately larger Mexican army at Refugio Mission and captured their field pieces. Yet this battle, which was a forerunner of Fannin's defeat near Goliad, has been almost forgotten.

By mid-March the Texas war for independence had reached its climax. The Alamo had fallen. Colonel Fannin was at Goliad with one of the largest armies the Texans had been able to muster. A much larger Mexican force under General Urrea was advancing from the south to overwhelm him.

Refuge of Refugio

Directly in Urrea's path stood the Mission of Refugio. Located thirty-five miles east of Goliad it marked the site of a settlement of Irish immigrants. Another Irish colony was located at San Patricio, twenty miles farther south. Among the Refugio colonists was William St. John, my great-grandfather, and it is partly from his reminiscences that the story of Refugio is told.

He was a young man at the time, having sailed to Texas with the exiled settlers from County Cork, Ireland, in 1833. He recollected that Providence had been good to him, for on his way to his new home he had survived a storm at sea, a shipwreck on the Texas coast, and an epidemic of cholera which carried away 250 of the colonists.

Forewarned of the advance of the enemy, the people of both settlements abandoned farms where soil had so recently been broken for the first time and sought safety in the mission. They had scarcely concealed themselves behind its thick walls when the Mexican army forded the Mission River and went into camp two hundred yards east of their refuge.

Defenders Hold Fast

No immediate attack was made. The defenders thought that a siege was in prospect, at least until the Mexicans could bring up reinforcements. A frontal assault would be costly, for the Irishmen were crack shots and the walls of the church offered good protection from musket fire. They thought it unlikely that the enemy would risk such heavy losses. Starving them out would be much simpler, for the Texans were short on food, water, and powder.

A messenger slipped out the mission gate that night. He cut across country to Goliad to ask for help from Fannin's army. When the Colonel was informed of the plight of the colonists, he dispatched a company of Georgia volunteers. They arrived at Refugio the next morning after an all night march. To their surprise they found that the Mexicans had disappeared during the night.

Reinforcements Arrive

My great-grandfather said that he remembered well the joy that spread through the mission when they saw the soldiers marching up through the early-morning fog. The defenders felt that their prayers had been answered and some of the women had tears in their eyes. Little did they know that their real peril was still to come.

The Georgians did not tarry at the mission. Eager for combat they

departed down the Mission River to capture some hostile Mexican ranchers.

Immediately after the departure of the troops the Mexicans returned. William St. John said that the men watched the first company ford the river and, fearing a panic among the women, tried to convince them that it was only an isolated detachment. The ruse failed because the company proved to be only the vanguard for a large enemy force. Resuming their former position they prepared to lay siege with a four-pound cannon that had been brought up during the night.

Cannon Terrifies Band

The sight of the cannon terrified the defenders. The enemy could destroy their fortress while remaining safely out of range. Unless help came soon the outlook was black indeed. In desperation a second messenger hastened to Goliad.

The awesome cannonading began at noon. The besieged Texans could

hope that reinforcements would come. No one suggested surrender.

To venture into the open invited almost certain death, for more and more Mexican troops forded the Mission River. St. John estimated their number at between six hundred and a thousand. Able bodied men in the church numbered less than twenty-five.

As evening neared it became apparent that the walls would soon collapse. There was no longer an alternative. Somehow the cannon had to be silenced.

A surprise attack seemed the only possible solution. Without hesitation six of the younger men, five Irishmen and a German, volunteered to go. My great-grandfather was one of the six. He remembered insisting that most of the men stay in the mission to protect the women and children.

Capture Cannon by Stealth

Suddenly the cannonading ceased.



ALAMO THAT DIDN'T FALL—At the historic Mission of Our Lady of Refuge, 35 miles east of Goliad, one of decisive victories of the Texas Revolution was fought. Six patriotic Texans are given credit for standing off more than 1,000 Mexican soldiers and capturing their cannon. Over 300 Mexicans were killed. Above is Our Lady of Refuge Mission as it appeared in 1795; at left is William St. John, one of the six Texans who captured the Mexican cannon.



The artillerymen withdrew to the cooking fires for a respite in their task of long-range demolition. Momentarily the cannon was unguarded. The chance the volunteers had hoped for was at hand. My great-grandfather said that when they kissed their families goodbye they never expected to see them again. They slipped out of the mission doors without looking back and crept toward the enemy camp.

The best shots in the mission climbed into the belfry to render assistance if the chance came. Anxiously they watched the progress of their comrades.

The six men advanced noiselessly across the intervening distance. At each moment they expected a shot or warning cry to send Urrea's army swarming upon them. They rapidly narrowed the distance to the four-pounder. So near were they to the camp that excited conversation in Spanish could be distinguished. My great-grandfather said that they could smell meat cooking at the fires.

Taking advantage of each bit of cover, they crept to the foot of the knoll on which the cannon stood. They scurried up the slope and furiously set to work. Just as they

succeeded in getting the four-pounder loose from its moorings a startled cry arose from the direction of the fires. Bullets whizzed around them as the furious Mexicans rushed to attack.

Mexicans Bite the Dust

The Texas Irishmen emptied their muskets. The nearest attackers pitched lifeless on their faces. Then the raiders began a snail's pace retreat, tugging the cannon behind them. Bullets whined over their heads or plowed up the ground at their feet. They paused repeatedly to load and fire. Agonized shrieks testified to the accuracy of their marksmanship.

One of St. John's companions was shot in the face, but the wound was not serious and he kept firing with the others. Dead and wounded Mexicans littered the ground.

In the mission the women came out of their refuge behind the altar to stand with their husbands. They made sure that each man's spare rifle was ready for action.

At last the conflict came within range of the mission. The Mexicans were hard pressing their quarry and mustering forces for a final charge when the men in the church opened fire. Mexican officers crumpled to the ground. Disorganized, the attackers hesitated momentarily. Instantly their ranks were depleted under a second round from the belfry. The line wavered but was quickly bolstered as more and more Mexicans joined in the attack.

The Texans' ammunition depleted rapidly. They feared that a charge en masse against the fortress would exhaust it. Not a shot could be wasted. They fired carefully, exacting a terrible toll.

Mexican Attacks Repulsed

Utter confusion prevailed. Screaming like demons, the Mexicans charged the escaping band again and again, only to be repulsed with heavy losses. It seemed that the lives of the six men were charmed. Bullets struck all around them but they continued their perilous journey. Dragging the heavy burden steadily onward they paused only to load and shoot. To the very gates of the mission they came, leaving a trail of dead and wounded Mexicans to mark their retreat.

The doors of the mission were thrown open. The six staggered inside, towing the captured four-pounder. Instantly the doors slammed shut again. A final volley was fired into the rapidly thinning ranks of the enemy. They wavered, broke for cover.

Inside the church women dropped to their knees to give thanks. They knew the battle was won.

Completely routed, the Mexican army beat a retreat during the night. The next day the colonists ventured forth and collected the bodies that strewed the ground before the mission. A single grave in which three hundred fallen enemies were buried provided ample evidence that Texas marksmanship and Irish determination had taken their toll on Urrea's army.

William St. John carried on his war with the Mexicans for many years. After Texas independence was won, in 1841, he was captured by a band of Mexican invaders and held prisoner in Mexico for several months before he escaped. In his reminiscences, he considers the high spot of his career the daring expedition that captured the cannon at Refugio Mission.

"The best way to protect a wedding ring," remarked Penny (Blondie) Singleton, "is to dip it in dish-water three times a day."

Current Comment *the World Over*

Fly Beans to Berlin

Airlift pilots are now flying pre-cooked beans to Berlin to save that blockade city's fuel supply.

Unlike ordinary beans that require long hours of cooking, pre-cooked ones can be heated and ready to eat in a matter of minutes. So far 425 tons of pre-cooked beans have been flown to Berlin, and 2,000 tons a month are scheduled for all winter.

To save space both American and British airlifts have been flying dehydrated potatoes, quick-cooking cereals and pre-cooked concentrated soups into Berlin.

Meat Prices Down

Dropping meat prices brought joy to the hearts of hard-pressed American housewives. Retail prices have declined as much as 15 to 20 per cent over the peak of last September, the nation's packers and retail dealers estimated, with a further decrease in prospect. Moreover, they said, a better quality of steaks and roasts is now available. The drop was attributed to a seasonal increase in meat supplies.

New Pacific Cemetery

The peaceful crater of extinct Punchbowl volcano on Oahu Island in Hawaii has been transformed into a national cemetery for Pacific war heroes. The new National Cemetery of the Pacific, one of the strangest burial sites in the world, was authorized by Congress early last year, and opened this January. First to be buried was an unknown service man who died in the Pearl Harbor attack. By the end of February, it is estimated 3,000 service men had been laid to rest. The cemetery will be dedicated about Memorial Day.

In Hawaiian legends Punchbowl volcano, which has been inactive hundreds of years, is described as a "mountain of sacrifice." Natives were tossed into the boiling crater in ancient days for breaking taboos.

Rides Caboose 44 Years

James P. Bullard, a freight train brakeman and conductor for the Rock Island Lines since 1904, and Caboose No. 18058, which he rode since it was built 44 years ago, were retired together a few days ago with appropriate ceremonies in St. Louis.

For Bullard it marked not only his retirement and termination of his railroad career, but it also was his 70th birthday, the age at which retirement becomes mandatory under the railroad's rules. Bullard estimated that he and the caboose had traveled nearly 3,000,000 miles. The caboose, wrecked five times through mishaps, shows little evidence of its long service. The caboose was placed in Museum of Transport at St. Louis.

Overcrowding and Mental Ills

Prior to the advent of World War II one heard little about housing shortage. Then, when the war started people toward the big industrial centers, there was a widespread belief that the country would be dotted with hundreds of ghost towns. But such did not turn out to be the case. Villages and towns, no less than the big cities, found themselves confronted with a housing problem. This meant "doubling-up" and driv-

sion, says some experiments may even uncover ways to change cattle, perhaps making them produce more milk or beefsteak faster.

Two new ways of producing super-stock among plants and animals hold great promise. One is breeding to bring out the desirable characteristics of existing plants and animals. The other is using radioactivity to produce new individuals—both plants and animals—with more desirable and profitable char-

acters. pests did great crop damage was in 1940.

The hoppers are expected to be at their worst this year in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas, and eastern Montana.

Another Veto in U. N.?

If China falls completely under Communist domination, the United States would be vitally affected.

China would probably align herself with Russia. In the Security Council this would mean two permanent members in the minority instead of one and each with the veto power. Russia needs only one to thwart action, but two would give her a moral advantage.

The Soviet bloc would also gain an extra vote in every major U. N. agency.

"Lettuce" Wrong Kind

There was "lettuce" in the grocery order Mrs. Esther Doran, Salem, Mass., housewife, unpacked when she got home, but it wasn't the kind she ordered. It was \$6.000 in crisp, green U. S. currency.

Mrs. Doran called police, who got in touch with Harry Elias, manager of the market where the food had been bought. Elias, whose temperature and blood pressure had been soaring, heaved a big sigh of relief. He had put the store's week-end receipts in a paper bag, he explained, intending to take it to the bank. Somehow the bag got in Mrs. Doran's order. In gratitude, the market sent her \$100.

An Educated Missile

United States military scientists are working on the idea of an "educated" missile, one that will identify its target from a photograph and then attack it.

A "Glossary of Guided Missile Terms," made public by the Research and Development Board in Washington, refers to the project thus: "Guidance, homing, active—a system of homing guidance wherein both the source, for illuminating the target, and the receiver are carried within the missile."

Roughly, the idea of an educated missile is: A guided missile—it could be a rocket or merely a pilotless plane—is fitted with a television set and a picture of an intended target. The missile is launched in the general direction of the target. The target might be a city and the picture before the television could be an aerial photograph of the city. When the target arrives at the point where the pattern of the picture matches what the television eye sees, the missile "homes in" on the target.

This weapon is only one of a number of variations of "homing" guided missiles, projected or in experimental stage.



—Lewis in The Milwaukee Journal.

Russia to Norway: "If you won't pick on me, I won't pick on you."

ing "in laws" to live under the same roof; even strangers impertuned home owners to rent them a hall bedroom if nothing more—a mere place to sleep.

All this overcrowding got on people's nerves and made normally considerate persons morose and even bellicose. Dr. Winfred Overholser, nationally famous Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., has referred to the mode of living forced on a big portion of the population as "an apartment civilization," and has pointed out the mental ills that flow from overcrowding.

Doctor Overholser said that one of the hopeful sides of the picture was that, due to the education the public received during the war about mental ills, the people have shown a changing and kinder attitude toward the subject and its victims.

Tailor-Made Farm Crops

Scientists are trying to use atomic and other scientific tools to "tailor make" new and more profitable farm crops. David E. Lilienthal, head of the Atomic Energy Commis-

sion, says some experiments may even uncover ways to change cattle, perhaps making them produce more milk or beefsteak faster.

Scientists have known for a long time that if seed or some living creatures are exposed to radiation such as X-ray, their genes may be changed. Genes are the things in living cells that control what a parent hands down to its offspring. Much more powerful radiation than X-ray now is available from the atomic plants.

Lilienthal says dozens of experiments that may aid farmers and seed and animal breeders are under way. The results of some will be available for the 1949 crop season.

One possibility ahead is corn tailor-made to fit neatly into harvesting equipment.

Grasshopper Peril in 1949

The United States is getting ready to conduct a hot war on grasshoppers this year. Experts say hoppers are expected to attack crops by the billions in wide areas, as they have been on the increase since 1947. The last really bad year in which these

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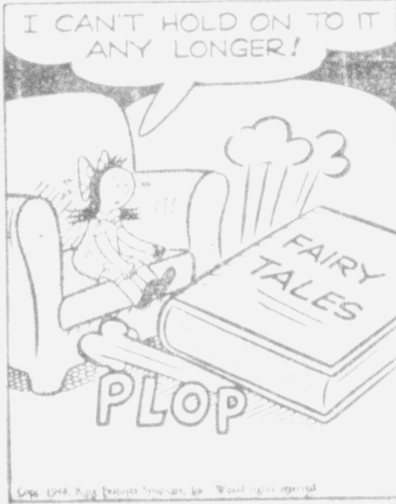
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By Hoff



"Being Born Again"

"It was like being born again," explained 40-year-old Carl Klein, of New York City, who regained his sight after two years of blindness. Klein, a naturalist, awoke one morning with "a terrific headache." "I saw dots flashing before my eyes," he said. "The dots merged into circles, and, as the circles broke, vision came back to my eyes." His first wish was "to go to a park and be able to look at the trees and birds."

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JOKES . . . to make you laugh

Wheee! Wheee!

They had talked for hours, with much arm waving and gesturing. When he finally concluded his dramatic speech to a friend who sat in the front row.

"How was it, Charlie? Did I get it across?"

"Great, it was a fine speech. I enjoyed it."

"Didn't I see you yawning? You were yawning, weren't you?"

"That wasn't yawning. That was just a silent Indian war whoop."

And He Did

A young man, taking over a defunct weekly newspaper, discovered when he went out to solicit advertising that one of the town's leading businessmen, Josh Weatherby, didn't know his newspaper publicity. The publisher said he never read the paper, and didn't believe anyone else did.

"Will you advertise in my paper if I convince you folks do read the ads?" the newspaper man asked.

"Yes," the merchant replied, "but you can't."

The next issue of the paper carried a full line in an obscure corner reading: "What is Josh Weatherby going to do about it?"

The following day Weatherby burst into the office of the newspaper and demanded relief from the horde of wits and half-wits who had descended upon him to inquire what he was going to do about it. He promised to stand by any explanation the publisher printed.

Accordingly, the next issue carried the announcement: "Weatherby is going to advertise."

Vegetarian Shaw Refused

Charles Bernard Shaw, an ardent vegetarian, was engaged by a magazine to write a series of articles. His first two articles, each occupied a full page. The third, of the same length, appeared on two pages, separated by a full page advertisement for a leading brand of frankfurters.

When the fourth and fifth articles were printed in the same manner, Vegetarian Shaw hit the ceiling.

"What all the fuss?" said the editor.

"I have written my last article for the magazine," said Shaw. "I might as well go on to sleep, billed with

a can of vegetable soup, but with a pig in a straitjacket, never!"



"Have you ever tried the simple exercise of pushing yourself away from the table?"

"He Deserved It"

One morning, when he was a Judge in Ohio, William Howard Taft stepped into the barber shop next to the courthouse for a shave.

"Aren't you the fellow who sen-

tenced that fellow yesterday to 20 years?" asked the barber, stropping his razor.

"Yes," said Taft. "He deserved it."

The barber placed the sharp razor on the Judge's Adam's apple.

"He's my brother, you know," he said.

There was a sudden silence in the shop. Only the scraping of the razor could be heard. Taft, scarcely daring to breathe, waited nervously for the coup de grace.

At last the barber finished. He laid the razor aside and removed the sheet.

"You're right, Judge," he said slowly. "He did deserve it."

Driving a Bargain

Comedian Sir Harry Lauder knew how to drive a hard bargain with theatrical managers. On one occasion, when he was bickering with a manager, the latter asked:

"Do you keep the Sabbath?"

"Yes," said Lauder, "and everything else I can get my hands on."

for the POULTRY RAISER

Turkey and Chicken Goals

For 1949 a goal of 700,000,000 young chickens to be raised for flock replacement is suggested by the United States Department of Agriculture. This is an increase of 10 per cent over the number of chickens raised in 1948, and is intended to provide a total of about 405,000,000 potential layers on Jan. 1, 1950.

With average egg production, a laying flock of this size should produce at least 370 eggs per person during 1950 and meet expected requirements, since some increase in meat supplies is proposed for 1950, which may lessen the demand for eggs.

For turkeys a goal of 35,100,000 young birds is suggested as the 1949 goal. This is an increase of 10 per cent over the number of turkeys raised in 1948. A flock of turkeys that size would provide consumers with approximately 4 pounds of tur-



key per person. During 1948 there was a supply of an average of 3.4 pounds per person.

The continuing high demand for poultry meat and lower feed prices have greatly encouraged production of broilers, and broiler growers have realized good profits during 1948. The outlook for broiler production in 1949 is bright, although with the proposed increase in number of broiler producers, the price may show a slight decline from the high levels of 1948.

Poultry consumption during 1948 has been far above average and storekeepers have been required considerably below normal. On Nov. 1 only 153,175,000 pounds of poultry meat was in stores, compared to 227,870,000 pounds one year earlier, and a five-year average of 232,325,000 pounds.

Turkey Feeds Scarce

Feed shortages that have caused for turkey poultry meat, expected to supply, and grower are becoming

Grim Reminder

I sat in the office of a small but frantically busy New England factory talking to its youthful-looking owner. On his desk the photograph of a grim-lipped, gimlet-eyed Yankee glared from a simple frame.

"It that your Dad?" I hesitantly inquired, stalling for time.

"No, it isn't," the young man replied. "But he's the man responsible for my success." I raised my eyebrows. "Well," he chuckled, "that's Mr. Ferris, who owns the other machine shop in town. He's the meanest man I know. I used to work for him, so I keep his picture there to remind me that if I make any mistake, or get lazy, I'll be back working for Ferris. You'd be surprised how that keeps me on my toes."

Quick Cure

A man went to see a doctor about a pain in his back, which had troubled him since morning. The doctor gave him the once over—in a few seconds the pain vanished.

The caller was overjoyed. "That's quick work, Doc. Was it rheumatism?"

"No," replied the doctor, "your suspenders were twisted."

Hybrid Hens Good Producers

Profiting by the lessons learned in breeding hybrid corn in Texas to produce harder variety and more prolific producers, Texas poultrymen are now breeding hybrid chickens to produce harder stock and better layers. Texas country dealers have learned through experiments that poultry hybrids are far better egg producers than average hens.

Farmers have followed advice given by H. R. Wilson, a national agriculture lecturer at Hill Country, Texas, to breed hybrid hens on his farm near Hackberry. During December the flock of White Leghorns, New Hampshire Reds, and Buff Orpingtons produced an average of 64 eggs a day when egg prices were high and the average poultryman gathered very few eggs. The hybrids on Bellamy's farm, hatched last February, have produced more than \$300 worth of eggs for market in addition to supply on his own.

Several other farmers in Lavaca county with flocks of hybrid hens report similar experience in egg production.

Bellville Whites

A new hybrid variety of white hen, developed by the United States Department of Agriculture at Bellville, Mo., claims to produce eggs for 100 days. They are smaller and mature more quickly than other breeds, laying the large eggs in the first 30 days. The large eggs in the first 30 days may equal a normal egg, but the eggs are more fertile, from 85 to 90 per cent of the eggs will hatch a crossed bird that is better than a purebred, since it has no black pin feathers. The one advantage quoted from the owner is less chance of loss of feed. For a Bellville bird it takes 4 1/2 pounds of feed to produce a pound of gain; larger breeds are credited with gaining a pound on 4 pounds of feed.

from the WORLD of SPORTS

BIG LEAGUES SHOULD HAVE T. PARADOTS

If it is for the sandlots—small town and big city baseball teams where big league players are made—may soon be made possible through the big leagues.

Bill Veeck, the dynamic and personable boss of the Cleveland Americans, wants the big league clubs to stage special games and contribute the profits to the promotion of the amateurs. Such a program could pay huge dividends over a period of years because it would result in the development of more talent and it would create a closer tie between the professionals and the sandlots.

Said Veeck in a speech recently: "We are all looking to help the youth of America. We all want to stop that juvenile delinquency. I can play games, the receipts of which go to the sandlot kids. They also could have decent playing fields, and with a little money contributed by each club we could work wonders within a few years."

Nearly everyone knows that amateur baseball as it is conducted today is pretty generally on the rag-

ged side. With better fields and superior equipment the lads who play ball just for fun of it would within a few years build a program that would be a credit to the youth of America.

REFEREES TABLE TENNIS ALTHOUGH HE IS BLIND

Charley Meduck is a young man of 26, who when less than a year old suffered the loss of his sight as the result of explosion. Now he referees table tennis matches, believe it or not. Charley says it is not necessary to see the ball to do a good job of officiating. He contends the sound made by the ping-pong ball as it comes in contact with wood is all the information he needs. Sound, he says, tells him exactly where the ball lands. A year ago he finished up a hard campaign of 1,000 matches without having received a single complaint.

HERE'S A TRICK PLAY—TRY TO GET SOLUTION

How is it possible to produce a run on two pitched balls, both of which result in legally-caught flies? No passed balls, no stolen bases, no looks, no nothin' except those two

pitchers batted back and caught on the fly.

Well, the answer is that the catcher tipped the batter's bat on the first one and the batter was aware of first base on interference and the other, caught by the first fielder, say, was a hopper over the infield at which the shortstop threw his glove. The penalty for the glove throwing is awarding the batter a three-base hit. In comes the guy who got aboard on interference.

CHICAGO U. PROSPERS AFTER FOOTBALL DROPPED

When Chicago University dropped football and other major sports, the world wondered if the big institution in the Windy City would lose prestige and students. Exactly the reverse has happened. Out of football ten years, the U. of C. goes merrily on attracting more and more young men and women and cutting a wide swath in educational circles. Of course, the color that marked big time sports has gone, but in its place has come many new serious minded young students who want an education and nothing more. The wonder of it all is that other big universities have not adopted the Chicago U. no football pattern.

ODDITIES in Texas News *from over the State*

CALF HAS ONLY THREE LEGS

Etoile Cozart of Whon is displaying a three-legged calf that was born on his ranch recently. There is no leg or shoulder blade on the right side. The calf has only one fore leg. Otherwise the calf is normal, is in good physical condition and is as vigorous as other calves. It nurses and plays as other calves do.

SEEK MISSION CHURCH BELL

When fire destroyed a Catholic Church at Corrigan recently, the only thing that remained was the 400-pound church bell. The bell was in the steeple which collapsed during the fire and was left in the smoldering ruins of the church pending adjustment of insurance.

Now the bell has disappeared. Officers are searching junk yards throughout South Texas for trace of the missing bell.

WOMAN FROZEN IN HOME

Dallas police had a bad time when a woman living in Vickery called the police department and asked for aid to free her from her home. She said she was frozen in and could not open any door or window to get out.

When the sergeant suggested that she pour hot water around a door or a window to thaw the ice so it could be opened, the woman angrily replied:

"And ruin my carpets."

A squad car was sent to dig the woman out.

ODD DONATIONS

Charity takes many forms, says Rice Tilley, campaign chairman for the "March of Dimes" in Fort Worth. The directors counted among the donations a wedding ring and 24 white rats.

The wedding ring was found by Patrolman E. L. Burch in a bottle of coins. It developed later that the ring had been dropped into the bottle by mistake.

Mrs. Myrtle Franklin donated 24 white rats, explaining that the rats are worth 35 cents each, or \$8.40 for the lot, and that they could be sold to almost any medical college.

COW WINS OVER DEPUTY

When Deputy Sheriff Buck Vincent of Houston, a stock law enforcement officer, attempted to bulldog a long-horned range cow that he had picked up as a stray and put in the pound, the cow resented such treatment. She hooked the needle sharp point of one of her four-foot horns in Vincent's nose. Three stitches were required to mend the wound on the deputy's nostril.

At his Greens Bayou home recovering from the wound, Vincent said the owner of the cow came to take her back to his farm and when the officer attempted to bulldog her so she could be loaded in a truck she fought back.

DUCKS LAND ON ICED RUNWAY

A flock of about 30 mallard ducks mistook the iced-over runway at Love Field, Dallas, for a pond of water. When they saw the gleaming ice, the flock circled upward for a landing. When they came down and discovered that they had mistaken the ice-covered runway for water, they waddled off to puddles of water at the west end of the field.

MAN TEETHES AT 84

Thomas (Pop) Hayes, cafe worker at Orange, is cutting his third set of teeth. At last report he had five new grinders in and had 27 yet to go. He reported that he is leading what he termed a "satisfactory but annoying existence."

The new molars have forced him to discard his set of dentures which he had worn for years.

ELECTRIC HEAT SAVES CAMELIAS

Dimitri Vail of Dallas saved his beautiful camellias during the recent severe ice storm and zero weather. Vail built shelters for his prized flowers and heated the shelters with 400-volt electric coils. The camellia bushes were unharmed by the severe cold and continued to blossom as if it were springtime.

18-POUND CALF LIVES

What is believed to be the record small calf to live is claimed by C. J. Danner of the Danner Community near Bonham. Danner reports that one of his white faced cows gave birth on January 9 to a calf that weighed only 18 pounds and was not tall enough to reach the cow's teats to nurse. Danner says they kept the calf in the house for five days. The calf was kept warm by the fire and fed with a spoon four times a day. It thrived on such treatment and grew rapidly.

SUPER TUG BUILT IN TEXAS

The Grace Moran, first of five super tugs being built at Orange to handle the bigger ocean-going liners in New York harbor, has been launched.

Fitting ceremonies marked the launching of the tug, the largest boat to be built on the Gulf Coast since the end of the war. The Grace Moran is 105 feet long, 27 feet wide and 14.6 feet deep. The tug is equipped with 1,500 horsepower electric diesel motor geared to a 10-foot solid bronze propeller.

HALF BILLION IN CHEMICALS

The industrial chemicals industry, which shifted its production center to the Texas Gulf Coast area during the war years, now has more than \$500,000,000 invested in plants and equipment in Texas.

It is estimated that 85 per cent of the synthetic chemicals industry of the U. S. is concentrated in Texas. Du Pont has completed a \$40,000,000 nylon component plant at Orange. Du Pont also is building a \$50,000,000 plant for manufacture of livestock parasite control chemicals north of La Porte. Jefferson Chemical Company has completed a \$20,000,000 plant at Port Neches for production of ethylene oxide, a component of synthetic rubber. Monsanto Chemical Company is reconstructing its \$20,000,000 plant that was destroyed at Texas City. Carbide & Carbon Company has doubled facilities of its Texas City plant at cost of \$31,000,000. Dow Chemical Company is at work on a \$100,000,000 expansion program for its plant facilities at Brazosport near the mouth of the Brazos river. Shell Chemical Corporation has just completed its \$50,000,000 plant in the shadow of the San Jacinto Monument south of Houston for manufacture of petroleum by-products.

MAMMA CAT MOTHERS TWO BABY SKUNKS



When Jerry Tylich left his home in Victoria recently he had squirrel hunting in mind. But what he brought home was a different kind of animal—in fact, three of them—skunks!

Jerry's dogs found a skunk family and promptly eliminated Mamma Skunk, but three babies were left in the den. Their eyes still closed and with hardly any fur on their little bodies, they presented a problem for the would-be squirrel hunter.

A problem until he thought of the family cat, and her breed of kittens. Would she be willing to care for three baby skunks? She would.

As a matter of fact, Mamma Cat seems to think more of the skunks than she does of her own kin, says Jerry.

The kittens don't mind having the skunks around, either. If a few playmates are fun, a few more are more fun, they probably reason.

Come mealtime, when the milk and bread is passed out in a big bowl, they all crawl up together and fall to. The skunks don't purr exactly like the kittens, but they get their share of the groceries.

Though only a few weeks old, the little skunks raise all sorts of fuss when strangers come around the Tylich home. They are yet too young to do anything other than raise a fuss, however.

Jerry says he's going hunting again before too long—this time, it'll be for somebody to de-skunk some skunks.

FINDS ELEPHANT IN BARN

Pete O'Daniel, livestock auctioneer at Corsicana, was startled when he opened the doors of his barn recently and found a huge elephant making himself very much at home. The elephant had eaten all the hay it could reach with its trunk,

had done away with a block of rock salt and had smashed a gate.

Investigation disclosed that the owner of the elephant which belonged to the animal display of a traveling show, had placed the elephant in the barn as protection against the severely cold weather.

THE FLOP FAMILY



By Swan

GOLD IS TOO DEEP

There is gold in Ed Brownfield's water well at Dell City, but he will have to be satisfied with recovery of gold in little bits. The well is 250 feet deep. Occasionally small rocks and pebbles are pumped to the surface with the water. Brownfield has had some of these rocks and pebbles assayed. They show a yield of gold at \$95 a ton. It would take a fortune to get at the gold in mining operations, geologists tell Brownfield. —PAGE NINE

Household Gardening Needlecraft

Farm Kitchens Can Be Made Over to Save Steps

Farm kitchens are traditionally big, but equally traditionally they are usually poorly furnished and badly planned. A surplus of space does not always mean a comfortable arrangement and all too often the farmer's wife walks herself to death in circles in her own kitchen.

Simplification comes largely in grouping and arrangement. Even if you can't afford new equipment and modern cabinets you can take the ones you have and arrange them to give the most convenience and economy of effort. No one really needs to walk from wall to wall of

on the farm when the man of the house has a little time to help with interior jobs. So tackle papa and get him to lend a hand with this renovation problem. If you, for instance, took the top section off the old kitchen safe and hung it on the wall at a convenient height and made a smoothly sanded top for the lower section, wouldn't that add a work space that you could well use?

Now either raise the legs of the old kitchen table or lower the cabinet so that the two are the same height and work them into the corner of the room, flanked by the ice-box. You can close in under the old



CONVENIENCE IN FARM KITCHENS—The new look in kitchens can be applied to the farm—at least some of the ideas are usable without replacement of equipment. Often changes in arrangement of current kitchen pieces along these lines increase efficiency.

a room to get from ice box to stove, from storage space to work table.

Move everything you can move out of that kitchen and study your space. Make a floor plan with chalk on the kitchen floor the way you think would be the most convenient or the way you'd like to see it, and then count your saved steps from the way it was to the way you've planned it. Then take a good look at the old furniture you're putting back. If you can't afford to junk it and get new, see what you can do to modernize it.

This is probably the only period

table with shelves and a door, and the pots, pans and mixing bowls you use most go out of sight yet remain convenient. And you there have the nucleus of a modern kitchen.

Of course, if the crops were good and you can afford it you can completely renovate with the modern equipment any mail order house or small town furniture store sells and get yourself the kitchen of your dreams. Even that doesn't have to be done all at one time. Get it a piece at a time if you wish. But start toward it and while you're waiting get the same effect with the

old stuff modernized. And again, if the man of the house is handy with tools, much of it can be made right on the place by him.

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WINTER-SPRING FASHIONS

The color and brilliance of the season's newest prints are a high spot in the fashion world. Worn now under furs or later when it's warm, these lustrous heavy silks are being shown in an infinite variety of styles.

Choice ranges from plunging necklines to demure tight-fitting collars. Draped into full skirts and fashioned into slim ones, these new prints are far more noteworthy than any of former years.

As usual brighter shades are in predominance in the California offerings. Many of these have a casual air with easy, fluid lines being employed to complement all shapes and sizes. Large splashes of color against monotone backgrounds are seen as well as tiny patterned designs in colorful and somber hues.

For the most part these prints may be worn before or after 5 and designers have considered the pocketbook as well as the figure.

One of the most outstanding creations and typical of the designer's ingenuity is a silk print crepe which is printed to look almost like fine pleating. A simple cape tied at the neckline highlights the narrow but not tight skirt. The black bodice is shirred and sleeveless.

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KEEP SOIL RICH

It is a comparatively easy matter to keep the supply of chemical elements in the soil by applying commercial fertilizers, but it would be disastrous to depend on this method alone, for the soil must be kept rich in organic matter for successful crop production of any kind.

There are persons who are constantly recommending the burning of crop refuse and weed growth to destroy weed seeds, insects and diseases. This winter does not subscribe to the view. Weeds, insects and diseases are not kept under control by such destruction and very valuable organic matter is thereby lost. We believe it is better policy always to plow under weeds and crop refuse and to depend on other methods for keeping weeds, insects and diseases under control.

In small fruit and vegetable production, there are often times when the ground is not occupied by a crop for a part of the season. In such cases, cover crops should be planted to supply organic matter for plowing under. In some cases, it may be desirable to devote the land for a year or two to sweet clover, alfalfa or some other crop that will supply liberal amounts of organic matter and nitrogen when turned under.

On most farms, there are liberal supplies of organic refuse, such as straw, corn cobs, lawn clippings, etc., which can be converted to very valuable forms of organic matter. Simply pile such material on flat-topped heaps and scatter over it a goodly amount of complete commercial fertilizer, poultry manure, or other farm manure. The manure or fertilizer will feed the bacteria which bring about quick decay of such materials, and in a few months the material will have been converted to a well rotted organic matter that will give excellent results when scattered over the ground and which will be free of weed seeds.

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Use of Pressure Cooker

While cooking in a pressure saucepan on top of the stove is known to many housewives, the idea of using a pressure cooker in the cooker well of an electric range is still comparatively new.

One of the principal advantages

is that there are still three surface units available. The cooker is handled in the same way as it would be on a surface unit. Medium heat will usually maintain the pressure required.

The cooker should always be removed from the well as soon as cooking time is completed. When the recipe calls for immediate reduction of pressure the cooker may be held under the cold water faucet, avoiding the over-pressure plug, or the cooker may be set in a pan of cold water. Other recipes call for slow reduction of pressure. In this case the cooker is allowed to stand until pressure reduces.

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Fixes Window Shade

Mending saves spending. For instance, a light window shade, which has split at the hem above the pull cord, can easily be fixed. Simply apply inch-wide, colorless Scotch tape to both sides of the shade, directly over the split or broken edges, drawing them together. This makes a durable, almost invisible mend.



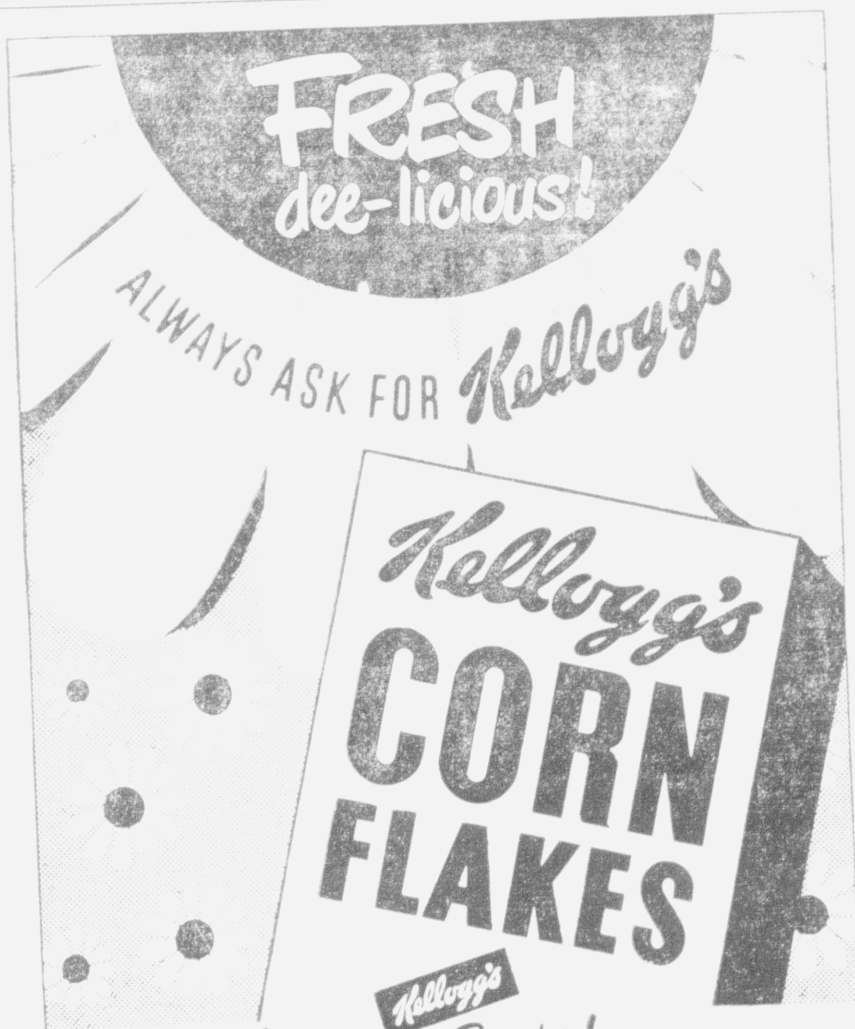
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Big Profits in Planting Fish

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Exactly 115 days later he was catching and eating fish grown on his own farm.

Abundance of Fish

Carefully kept records now show that Lowman has caught more than 1,000 fish, averaging between one-half and three-quarters of a pound, from his private fishing preserve.

"We've eaten more fish in the last two years," says Lowman, "than we did in any ten-year period before we put fish in our pond. And we've kept our friends and neighbors pretty well supplied too."

A survey of eight other farmers living in the same vicinity as Lowman, who stocked their ponds at approximately the same time, showed a variety of results. Only one reported results as successful as Lowman, but all agreed that stocking the farm pond with fish is a profitable and economical project.

All the fisherman farmers agreed upon these three rules as being necessary for the successful raising of fish. Whether or not the fish breed and grow, say the farmers, depends upon the way the pond is built, the diligence with which the water is fertilized, and the amount of fishing that is done. For, strange as it may seem, once you have fertilized your pond, you must continually catch fish in order to have fish in your pond.

The simple reason for this unusual, but proven, statement is that if a number of fish are not caught each year, the fish may multiply so rapidly that there is not enough food and stunted fishes will result. Or one breed may develop more rapidly than others, so that the fish population becomes over-balanced, again resulting in smaller, and eventually fewer, fish.

How to Build Fish Pond

If you are interested in raising fish on your farm, here are a few simple general hints compiled by Lowman and his friends:

It is, of course, impossible to set forth one plan for building stock or fish ponds throughout the country. Construction will depend upon types of soils, local weather, rainfall, and individual needs and means. But in general, the small farm pond, having one to three acres, is best for raising fish.

Contrary to an old-time belief, flowing water is not essential. The

most successful ponds are those which receive only enough water to maintain a fairly constant level.

In depth the pond should measure at least 1½ to 3 feet in its shallowest portions. It need be no deeper than 6 to 8 feet in any place if there is abundant rainfall and little likelihood of long periods of freezing weather. If either of these conditions normally occur, then the pond should be at least 12 to 15 feet.

It's best too, if the banks of the pond slope steeply to a depth of at least 18 inches. This makes it easier to control vegetation as well as providing deeper water so that fish can feed in close to the shore, thus assisting in the control of mosquito larvae.

Fencing Pond Important

Fencing of the pond is also important. "I found," said Lowman, "that fencing my pond and letting the grass and other vegetation grow inside the fenced area offered an inviting place for all types of game animals and birds that like to use the pond as a watering place." A

thick stand of grass will also help to keep the silt from washing into the water.

A pipe through the dam fills water troughs for cattle and the pond water remains clear and undisturbed.

A study of lakes and streams by hatchery experts has disclosed that nature usually maintains a balance of about 2.6 pounds of supporting fish, such as the bream, to 1 pound of predatory fish, such as the bass. Working from this finding, experts advise stocking the farm pond with approximately 100 bass to 1,000 bluegills per acre of surface water.

Lowman has a 2½ acre tank, so he stocked his pond with 2,500 bream and 250 bass fingerlings. "Four months later," Lowman says, "we were catching bass that averaged over three-quarters of a pound each."

Must Fertilize Pond

Most of the success of his farm fishery, Lowman attributes to his constant use of fertilizer.

"I think that most people's trouble is that they have overlooked the

fact that their pond seldom contains enough food for the amount of fish they expect it to produce," he adds.

"Everyone, of course, knows that fish eat other fish as well as crayfish, worms, bugs, and other animals large enough to be seen and known. Few people realize though that thousands of small or microscopic plants and animals are just as essential to the growth of fish. The abundance of these organisms depends upon the amount of available organic matter in the water.

"In turn the amount of organic matter in the water can be controlled by the use of fertilizer. The kinds of fertilizer that can be used are numerous. Experimenters have tried barnyard manure, cottonseed and soybean seed, all with good results. Best, and easiest to use, however, seem to be the commercial fertilizers."

Fertilizing the pond is easy. The commercial fertilizer is simply sprinkled around the edges of the tank where most of the fish feed. Lowman uses commercial fertilizer with an 8-4-14 ratio, which means that each hundred pounds of fertilizer contains 8 pounds of water-soluble nitrogen, 4 pounds of phosphate and 12 pounds of potash.

Whatever you use for fertilizer, the cost will not be prohibitive. Lowman estimates that the cost of fertilizer per year for his 2½-acre farm tank amounts to less than \$20.

As to whether or not it pays, just listen to this story.

"One morning last week," says Lowman, "my wife walked down to the pond to do a little fishing. She sat down by that big old willow tree that we left standing there on the bank. Long before dinner-time she was calling me to come get the fish and carry them up to the house."

"In just a couple of hours she had caught 62 bream, averaging over half a pound apiece. We've still got fish in the ice box, and my family and friends and I are having more fun than we've had since we were kids."

PET COW ANSWERS CALL

Heartbroken over loss of her cow which had been stolen from her dairy barn, Lillie Palmer hurried to the stockyards at Savannah, Ga., and began calling: "Susie! Susie! Soo, Susie!"

Pretty soon Susie trotted up—just two hours before she was scheduled to be butchered.

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